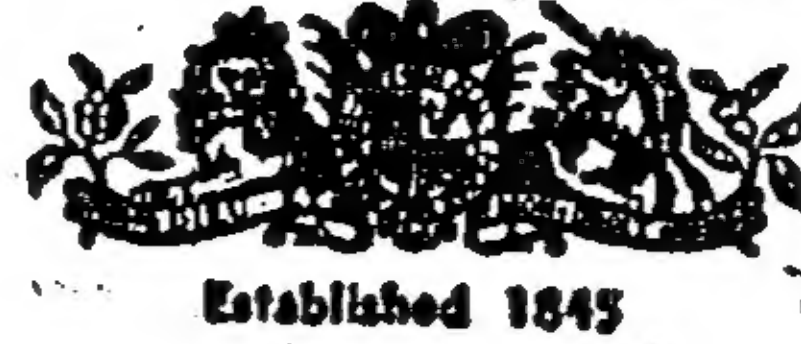


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COMMENT OF THE DAY

SUPPORT FOR GAILLARD

TWENTY-FOUR hours after he had won a vote of confidence in the National Assembly on the constitutional reform bill, aimed at strengthening government stability, M. Felix Gaillard, the French Premier, on Friday chalked up another significant political victory. This time it was over the Conservative wing, which had been apprehensive over the Tunisian issue. The immediate cause of the Conservative suspicion was the report that, at the suggestion of the good offices envoys, the French Government was prepared to evacuate the military airfields in Tunisia.

Opposition

THIS had been strenuously opposed by the General Staff in Algeria and by the Minister for Algeria on the ground that unmanned Tunisian airfields might be used by rebel planes to drop bombs on Algeria.

The Conservative Independent and Peasant Parties, whose 100-odd members normally vote with the Government, threatened to withdraw their ministers from the Government if the Premier gave away any vital French positions in Tunisia and in any way endangered France's military pacification effort in neighbouring Algeria.

Four Key Posts

THE group has two ministers and two Secretaries of State in the Government: their withdrawal would have posed what may well have proved an insoluble problem in regard to the distribution of portfolios.

The Conservatives pressed M. Gaillard for a statement on the progress of the good offices mission before adjournment of the Assembly for the Easter recess. When the Premier replied that he would only do so "if circumstances permit," the Conservatives, to show their dissatisfaction, voted with the Communists and Poujadists in rejection of the agenda for this week's Assembly meeting.

Unequivocal

THE Premier then informed the Steering Committee in unequivocal terms that he refused to discuss the good offices issue prematurely and would resign if not supported.

By the time the agenda was again submitted to the Assembly, the Conservative wing apparently had a change of heart and rather than precipitate a Cabinet crisis, which would have been inevitable had the Independent and Peasant Party ministers resigned, they voted for the agenda and for the Premier.

Too Early

FEAR is still expressed in some quarters that the mediators may try to persuade the French Government to renounce sovereignty over the naval and air base of Bizerta and control over the South Tunisian aerodromes without a formal guarantee that security measures would first be taken to prevent the Algerian rebels from taking advantage of the French departure.

There is nothing concrete on which to base these fears and too early yet for the mediators to do more than relay proposals and counter-proposals between the French Premier and Tunisian President Bourguiba.

In the meantime the successful showdown M. Gaillard has had with his Conservative wing and the consequent diminution of the threat to the Government's future ensures a further period of untroubled existence for it, at least until after the Easter recess.

US CORRESPONDENTS CAPTURED

Two Taken By Govt Troops In Sumatra

By WILLIAM MILLER

Singapore, Mar. 23. Indonesian Government commandos have captured two key areas in North and Central Sumatra, taking two American correspondents into custody in one of the actions, the Central Government announced today.

A Government communiqué issued in Djakarta said Government troops reoccupied Prapat in the Lake Toba area 45 miles south of Medan and took into custody two American correspondents carrying identification cards issued by the rebel government.

The names of the correspondents were not disclosed immediately and there was no word of what had been done with them.

Oilfields

An earlier Djakarta Government communiqué said Indonesian troops yesterday occupied the important oilfield area of Rengat Lirik, site of a critical pipeline link in the American-owned Standard Vacuum Oil Company's operations.

The manoeuvre gave Government forces two airfields within an hour's flying of the rebel capital of Bukittinggi and the chief rebel seaport of Padang.

The Djakarta communiqué gave no details of the action in Prapat but the Government radio at Medan, capital of North Sumatra, said Indonesian Air Force planes had attacked and scattered 800 rebel troops in the Lake Toba area.

Medan Radio said Lieut-Col. Giharu, commander of strategic Atjeh Province in North Sumatra, had given the Government assurances that his region would not be used as a rebel counter-attack base.

All Lies

The rebels claimed last week that two battalions of Achinese tribal warriors were moving on Medan from Atjeh but nothing had been heard of them since.

A rebel spokesman in Singapore termed the Indonesian Government's reports "all lies" but declined to comply with a reporter's request to answer each claim specifically.

The Central Government considered the capture of the Rengat-Lirik Area as second in importance only to the recapture last week of Pekanbaru, headquarters of the California Texas Pacific Oil Company's operations, 100 miles to the southeast.

The revolutionary Government's Cabinet held an emergency session in Bukittinggi tonight with its Prime Minister, Sjafruddin Prawiranegara.

Deteriorating

United Press correspondent Wendell Meek reported that no agenda was made public but it was believed the rebel leaders were discussing their deteriorating military position in the southern part of Central Sumatra.

Meek said the rebels were concerned at a report from Djakarta that Soviet crewmen would help man the 10 Soviet freighters delivered to the Central Government yesterday. He said they felt it might mean further large-scale help from the Russians for the Djakarta forces.

Two ships chartered by the Indonesian Red Cross arrived at Padang Harbour today to evacuate any foreign nationals who wished to leave the rebel-held town.

The ships were escorted by an Indonesian Navy corvette which permitted only one of them to enter the harbour. United Press.

Republican Wins

Lille, Mar. 24. A Socialist today won a by-election here, replacing a Socialist Republican who had died. He received 46 per cent of the votes, against 43 per cent for the Communist candidate. A Poujadist received 4.5 per cent. Three other non-Communist candidates had withdrawn. —Reuters.

UK's Giant Princess To Fly Again?

London, Mar. 24. Britain's giant Princess flying boat may shortly take the air again as the world's first atom-powered aircraft, a London newspaper reported today.

Angus Macpherson, Aviation Correspondent of the Liberal News Chronicle, said US engineers were anxious to use the giant eight-engined planes for testing of atomic air engines.

The princesses have not flown since they finished their trials in 1952 and have lain "cocooned" at Southampton since then. They were originally built for service on passenger routes of British European Airways.

Macpherson said Captain E. D. Clarke, Chairman of the Saunders-Roe Aircraft company which built the planes, had been conducting negotiations with US officials in Washington on the possibility of using the planes. —United Press.

SAUD'S FATHER-IN-LAW TO BE TRIED FOR ASSASSINATION PLOT

London, Mar. 23. Asaad Ibrahim, father-in-law of King Saud of Saudi Arabia, is to be tried in his absence on charges arising from the alleged Saudi plot to assassinate President Nasser, Cairo Radio said tonight.

Military Arrests In Syria

London, Mar. 23. Bagdad Radio in Iraq reported tonight that a number of politicians and army officers were arrested in Syria today.

The Radio said a wave of arrests was sweeping the country, which merged with Egypt this month in a United Arab Republic.

Bagdad Radio, quoting Cairo reports, also said "dissension has broken out between Egyptian and Syrian Army commanders following the resignation of Lieut-General Afif El Bizri, Commander-in-Chief of the first Arab Army (Syria)."

The Radio gave no other details of either report.

It was announced in Cairo today that President Nasser has accepted General El Bizri's resignation. No reason for the resignation was given. —Reuters.

HAMMARSKJOLD ARRIVES IN MOSCOW

Moscow, Mar. 23. United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold flew here today to talk about disarmament and other world problems. The top UN Executive arrived from Helsinki late this evening in a twin-engine Ilyushin

Churchill Down With Pneumonia Again



Illness Checked, But Return To UK Delayed

Roquebrune, Mar. 23. Sir Winston Churchill's local doctor, Dr David Roberts, said tonight that the recurrence of Sir Winston's illness had been "successfully checked."

Despite a general weakness he looked "very much himself—rosy and cheerful," Dr Roberts said.

A member of Sir Winston's household said that it was pneumonia that had stricken him during the weekend.

ANXIETIES

His condition had given rise to "anxieties" on Saturday but he was now making steady progress and his condition was "satisfactory," it was added.

This member of the household said that only for 24 hours did Sir Winston show any signs of being down. He recovered promptly and remarkably well.

Though Sir Winston was confined to bed and needed a long rest, he was in high spirits.

Lord Moran, his private physician who came here last month, is expected back from London soon, but this should not give rise to any undue speculation or alarm, it was added.

COMFORT

His presence at the Villa is regarded as a great personal comfort to Sir Winston himself.

Today Sir Winston's eldest daughter, Diana, wife of Mr Duncan Sandys, the British Defence Minister, arrived at the Villa La Pausa on her own to see father while on a tour of the continent.

Another daughter Mary, wife of Mr Christopher Soames, British War Secretary, is expected here tomorrow.

Of Sir Winston's other children, actress Sarah Churchill is at present in Switzerland and Mr Randolph Churchill in London.

Sir Winston's return to London, planned for the end of this month, has been postponed following his relapse, a member of his household said tonight. —Reuters.

New Series

In tomorrow's China Mail will appear the first of a series of six articles on some of the most famous jockeys in the history of the British Turf. The six articles are by Percy Rudd. These will appear over the next six Tuesdays, the first of these tomorrow.

These included: First Deputy Foreign Minister of the USSR Vasily Kuznetsov, Chairman of the UN Association of the USSR, Alexander Topolnyy and the USSR Foreign Ministry Chief of Protocol, Fedor Motokhov. —United Press.

SHOPPERS BLOWN OFF FEET

Tokyo, Mar. 23. Hundreds of Sunday window shoppers in Tokyo were blown off their feet here today when a violent explosion completely destroyed a sightseeing bus.

A police spokesman said 20 passengers including 11 children were seriously injured in the explosion. Scores of pedestrians were treated for minor scratches and cuts.

Police investigators said the explosion was caused when one of the bus passengers dropped a container containing methyl chloride, an explosive liquid, on to the floor of the bus.

A spokesman for the hospital where the injured were taken, said many of the passengers would be discharged for life. About half of the passengers were placed on the "dangerously sick" list. —Reuters.

OUTCRY AGAINST JAPAN

Saigon, Mar. 24. Chinese newspapers published in South Vietnam are supporting Formosa's stand against Japan on the question of Japanese private trade with Peking.

These newspapers are warning that overseas Chinese in South-east Asia will boycott Japanese goods if Japan does not stop trading with China.

The position taken by Chinese newspapers followed Taipei predictions that South-east Asia's overseas Chinese will stand with her against Japanese trade with the Communists.

NEWSPAPERS

Here is what some of the Chinese newspapers of Vietnam have said:

May High Luan Zan — "We overseas Chinese in South-east Asia will boycott Japanese goods."

Say Kai Jih Pao — "This newspaper demands Japan of the favourable treatment it received from Formosa after the World War II surrender. We deplore Japan's lack of justice and righteousness." —United Press.

Queen Soraya's Popularity Soars In Iran

Teheran, Mar. 23. Iran is becoming more and more wracked with emotion since the slain Moslem New Year declaration of the Shah, renouncing his marriage with the Empress Soraya.

Rumours have already begun regarding a possible return. The lovely Soraya is now described in the press as the "Queen Victim" and her popularity, which sank during several years of sterile marriage in a highly self-conscious monarchy, is now as high as ever.

FAVOURABLE

The press is publishing favourable reports of her and pictures showing her at her most beautiful postures. There is much comment, deploring the necessity of divorce.

Sources here state that the future visit of the Shah's sister, Achraf, to Europe is not only concerning with taking Soraya's clothing and jewels to her but to put "new proposals." Meanwhile officials here state that the question of a return is well nigh inconceivable although admitting that so far the act of divorce has not yet been passed. —France-Press.

LEFT-WING HEAD ARRESTED FOR SEDITION

Belize, Mar. 23. Mr. George Price, leader of the left wing people's United Party, was arrested here in British Honduras last night on a charge of sedition.

Mr Price was leader of a British Honduras delegation which went to Britain for talks with the Colonial Office last December.

The Colonial Office broke off the talks after Mr Price was alleged to have had private discussions with Guatemalan diplomats in London on a plan to unite Guatemala and British Honduras.

Association

Mr Price was reported to have explained to a public meeting here on February 17 a plan for association with Guatemala proposed by the Guatemalan Minister in London, Senor Licencio Granados.

On March 6, Mr Nicolas Pollard, a member of the executive council of the People's United Party, threatened to resign because Mr Price had addressed the meeting.

He asked for a meeting of the executive council to consider whether the leader, or any other member of the Party, should associate such a matter in public before the council has approved it.

On March 8, Mr Enrique De Paz, Deputy Leader of the PUP resigned from the party.

Convinced

In a letter to Mr Price as Party Leader, Mr De Paz said he was convinced that "all our actions from time to time have been, and continue to be, against the social, political and economic advancement on this country and its people."

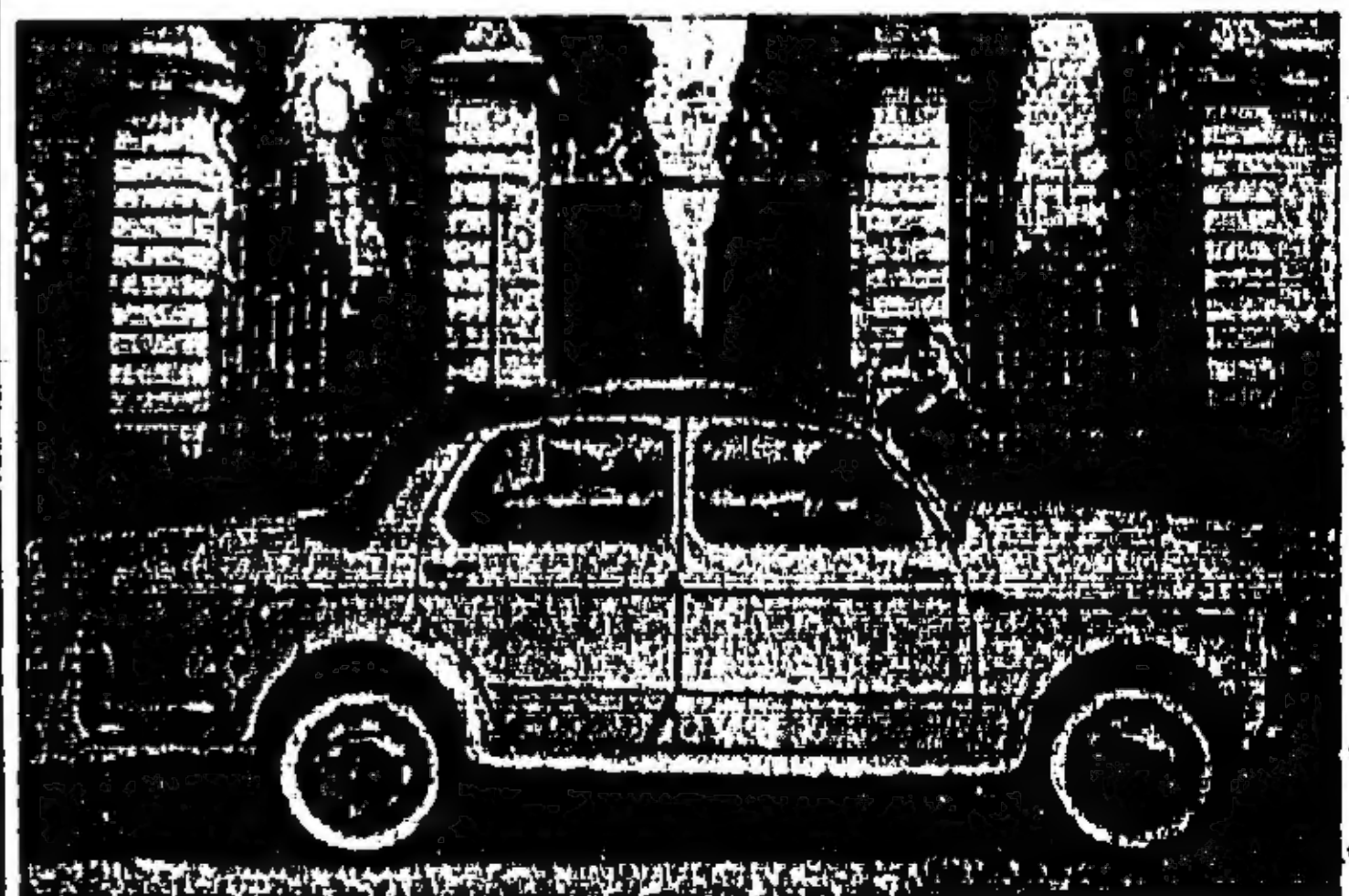
It was understood that the charge against Mr Price arose from statements he made at a public meeting in Belize last night.

He has been released on bail in the sum of 500 British Honduras dollars (about £125) in two equal instalments, one borne by himself, the other by the People's United Party Secretary, Mr Eddie Austin. —Reuters.

Unknown Fish

Moscow, Mar. 23. Soviet biologists with the second maritime expedition to the Antarctic have discovered a hitherto unknown species of fish whose blood contains no hemoglobin, Moscow radio reported today. Hemoglobin is the red pigment in the blood cells which carry food and oxygen throughout the organism. The scientists were able to capture 18 specimens of the new kind of fish, the radio added. —France-Press.

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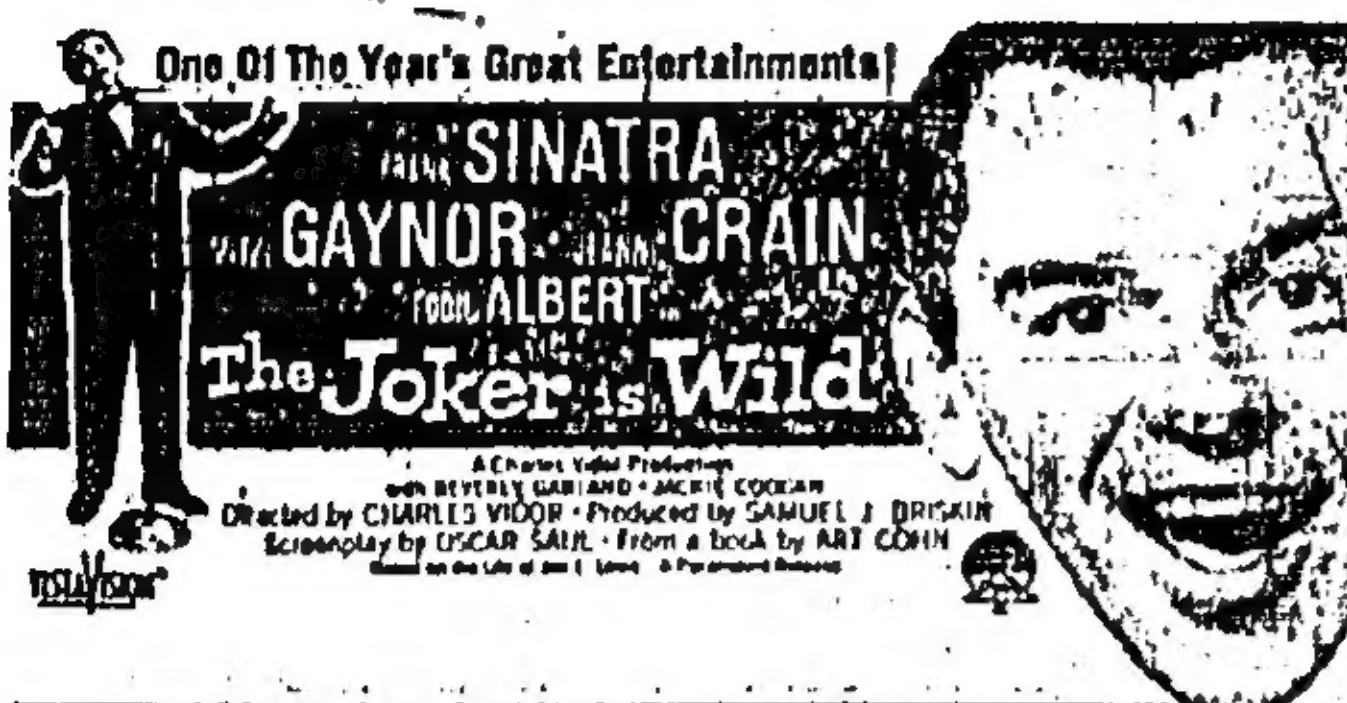
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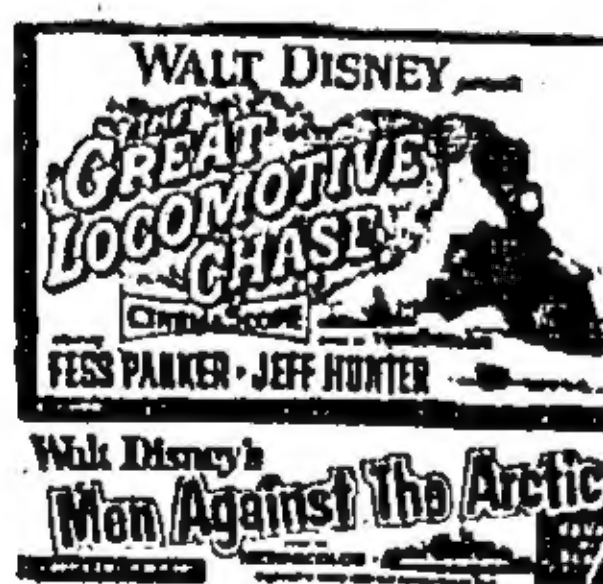
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'I LOVED HIM SO MUCH!'

Hollywood, Mar. 23.
Film star, Elizabeth Taylor rested under sedatives in her home here today, still overcome with grief at the death of her husband, millionaire showman Mike Todd.

The statuesque raven-haired beauty was in the care of friends after collapsing yesterday when told that Todd's private plane—named "Lucky Liz" after her—had crashed in western New Mexico, killing her husband and three others.

Also aboard the two-engined Lockheed plane when it crashed outside the uranium town of Grants, in New Mexico, were screenwriter Art Cohn and two pilots.

The plane was travelling from Burbank, California, to Tulsa, Oklahoma, when it crashed outside Grants, scattering wreckage over a quarter of an acre. Its final destination was to have been New Jersey.

BURIAL

Todd, 50-year-old producer of the Oscar-winning film "Around the World in 80 Days," was on his way to New York to attend a testimonial dinner tonight in his honour. The dinner has been cancelled.

No definite arrangements for Todd's funeral have yet been made, but his brother, Mr. Frank Goldbogen, said in Chicago that burial may take place tomorrow in a Jewish cemetery there where the showman's father, Rabbi Chaim Goldbogen, is buried.



LIZ — 'I Begged Him Not To Go'

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PROBE

In Washington, a spokesman for the Civil Aeronautics Board said the wreckage of the two-engined Lockheed will be impounded in connection with an investigation it is making into the crash and that three investigators had gone to the scene.

One of these investigators said that judging from the wreckage, it appeared the plane had rammed nose first into the ground. It had apparently crashed with tremendous force, exploded and burned out.

Formal identification of Todd among the victims was announced today. An Albuquerque mortuary official said there was no doubt about the identification.

LIZ TAYLOR RESTS UNDER SEDATIVES

Miss Elizabeth Taylor, who had calmed and composed this morning, 24 hours after collapsing at the news of her husband's death.

A reporter who interviewed her last night wrote today that she told him: "I begged him not to go — to wait one more day. I don't think he wanted to go. He came upstairs six times to kiss me goodbye before he left the house."

"Why? Why? Why? Mike and I had so much planned. Little things we just talked about before he left—things we would do when I finished the picture."

"I loved him so much. And he loved me. No one can ever know how much."

FATAL FLIGHT

A virus attack prevented Miss Taylor from accompanying her husband on the fatal flight.

"If only I had been with him," she said. "Without him now, I feel like half a pair of scissors. That's what he always used to tell me when he was away from me."

She said Mr. Todd called her from the Burbank airport on Friday night just before takeoff. He had promised to call her again from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where the twin-engine plane had a scheduled refuelling stop.

"It rained all night," she said. "I don't sleep a bit. It was only

the third time that I had not gone with him."

Attorneys said Todd had drawn up a will in New York and that it would be filed for probate there. He already had assigned part, if not all, of the royalties from the hit song "Around the World" to his wife, as a "little nest egg."

THE WILL

Todd owned more than 80 per cent of the movie "Around the World," which has grossed about US\$33 million and may be the first movie ever to make US\$100 million. This legacy apparently will go to his wife and children.

Later today English actor Michael Wilding, Miss Taylor's second husband and father of two of her children, visited Miss Taylor. He was accompanied by his wife, Susan Nell. He said they came to express condolences and to comfort her.

Meanwhile, messages of condolence, including one from Mrs. Eisenhower, poured in from all over the world for Miss Taylor.

The one from Mrs. Eisenhower read: "The President and I extend our deepest sympathy."

Flowers have been arriving "almost by the carload," spokesmen at the Todd home said.—Reuter and United Press.

Catholic Friar Gaoled For Disturbing Reds

Fano, Italy, Mar. 23.

An Italian judge sentenced a Roman Catholic friar to eight months in gaol here yesterday for disturbing a Communist rally.

The sentence against Father Tommaso Toschi came just three weeks after the conviction of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Fano by a Florence Court on a charge of defamation.

Cardinal Lerario of Bologna, who ordered all churches in his Archdiocese draped in mourning for one month following the conviction of Bishop Pietro Fiordelli on the defamation charge, told Father Toschi in a letter that he hoped the sentence would be reversed by a higher Court.

"FLYING FRIAR"

Father Toschi, a Franciscan member of Cardinal Lerario's "flying friars" group spreading the Church's word in this Communist stronghold, was convicted of disturbing a Red rally during the campaign for Fano's Town Council last May.

He immediately appealed against the sentence and remained free pending a new hearing.

PRIVATE CITIZEN

"It is simply the case of an Italian citizen, with all the rights of an Italian citizen," it said.

The Bishop of Prato was convicted of defamation for calling a Roman Catholic born couple "public concubines and sinners" for marrying outside the Church. Plus charged before 15,000 persons in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican today that the enemies of God were trying to spread hate in Italy and turn it from its "Christian mission."

He rejected charges that the Roman Catholic Church was trying to interfere in Italian State affairs, but he said Italy's role in the world was inseparably linked with Roman Catholicism and that was a "betrayal" of Italy.

The Pope referred to the bitter anti-clerical propaganda drive launched by the Communists as part of its campaign in the general elections scheduled for May 25.—United Press.

English Sikh Convert 'Humiliated' In Army

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 23.
Sikh leaders said today they thought the Army was wise in moving Private Claudio Perfecto, the English Sikh, to a new unit in Singapore.

Private Perfecto, of Somerville Road, Fenge, London, became a Sikh soon after his arrival in Kuala Lumpur from Britain last month. Last Monday, he left his camp because he said his officers and comrades were humiliating him. He returned on Friday, and an Army spokesman said he was being transferred to Singapore.

REGARD

The secretary of the Malayan Sikh Youth Council, Mr. Katar Singh, said it was hard to believe that Private Perfecto had been mocked and humiliated.

"From personal experience I know the British have a high regard for Sikhism," he said.

Mr. Katar Singh, President of the Selangor Sikh Union, said Army discipline and religion were two different things.

An Officer's Training In Initiative (?)

Catterick, Mar. 23.
A cadet proved he is the right type of officer for the British Army by getting himself photographed with a showgirl sitting on his lap.

His superior officer beamed yesterday when he saw the photograph of the cadet, a 16-year-old Elna Domingo, a dancer at London's Windmill Theatre.

It was one of the initiative tests for cadets signed by Catterick Army officers to produce "every ounce of initiative" and boost recruiting.

The cadets are sent off on their mission without money and orders to be back in camp within 72 hours. One cadet returned to report "mission completed" — and produced a photograph of himself kissing a pretty model.

Another cadet had to swim with swimming star, Diane Wilkinson, and see a television comedian, Bob Monkhouse. But one would-be officer admitted failure. He could not get into a nudist camp.—China Mail Special.

Queen Begins Another Tour Three-Day Visit To Netherlands

London, Mar. 23.
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh set out tomorrow to visit three Essex towns before sailing for their three-day state visit to the Netherlands.

Queen Elizabeth and her husband, Prince Philip, will make brief tours at Chelmsford and Colchester before boarding the Royal yacht Britannia at the Port of Harwich.

The yacht is due to sail at 1715 hours GMT escorted to Amsterdam by three Royal Navy frigates Grenville, Pelaw and Paladin. They will reach the Dutch capital on Tuesday morning.

The Royal couple will be accompanied by Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Foreign Secretary. According to diplomatic protocol the Foreign Secretary always attends the Sovereign on a foreign state visit.

Holland will be the sixth country to greet the Queen in less than a year. Since the beginning of 1957 she has paid visits to France, Portugal, Denmark, Canada and the United States.—Reuter.

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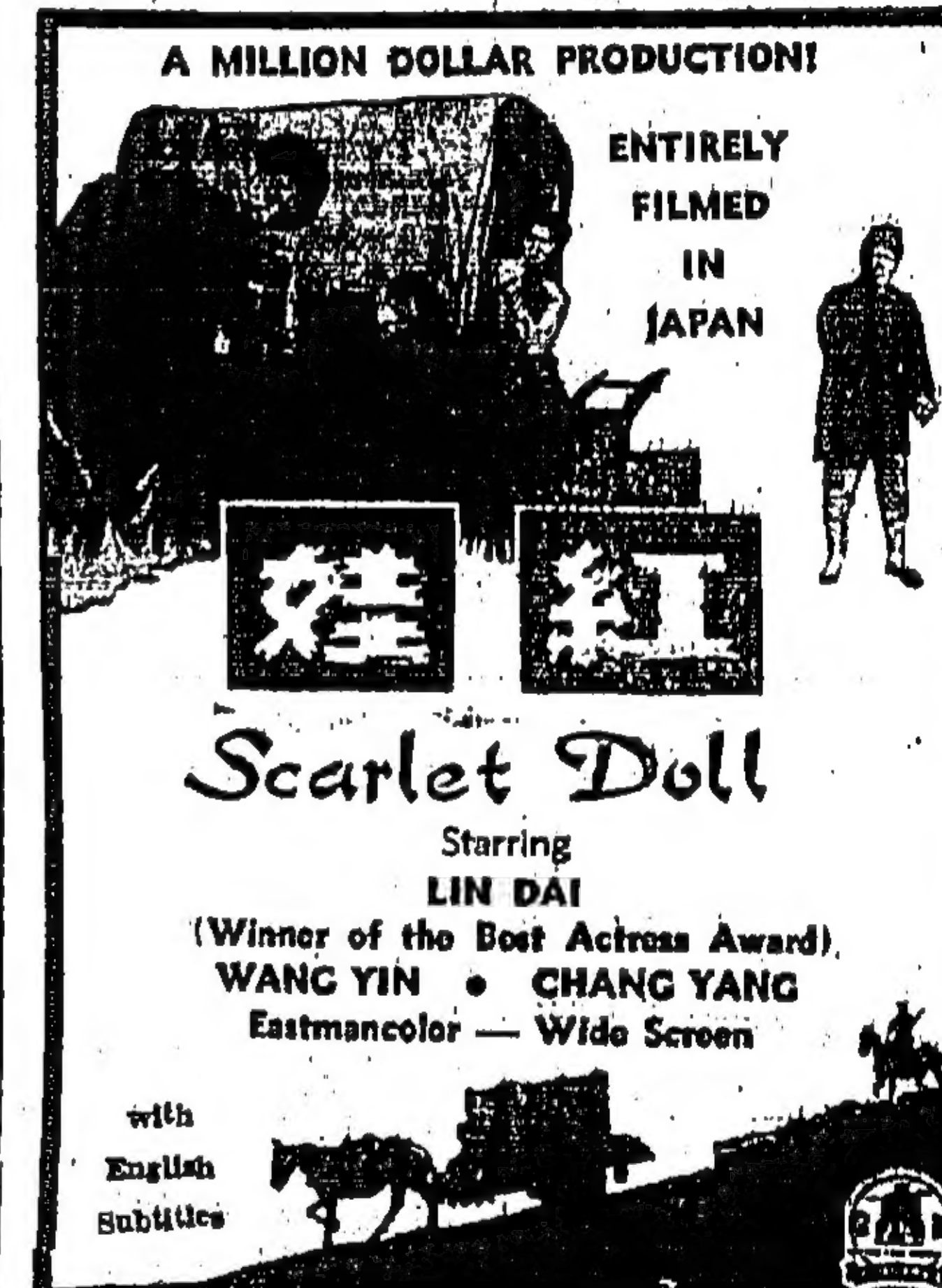
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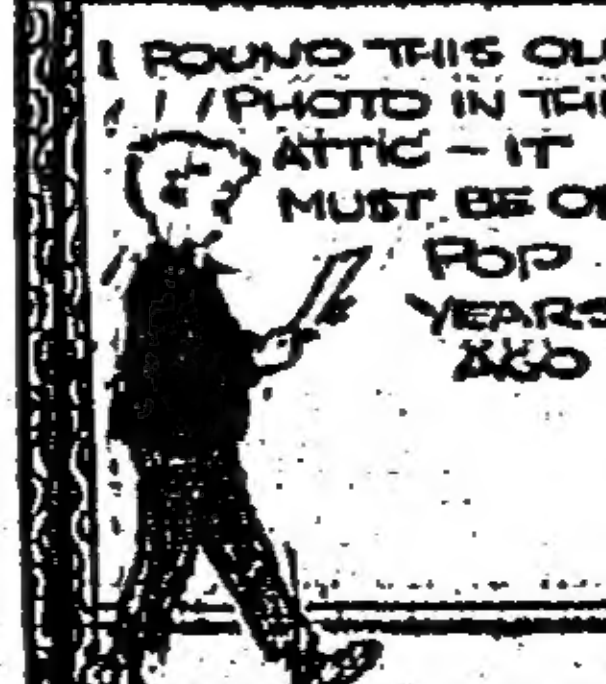


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CABLE BRIEFS

Chicago, Mar. 23. City Planning Commissioner Ira J. Bach admits his planning goes awry sometimes. Invited to address a meeting of harbour development plans, Bach noted in dinner conversation that no mention was made of harbours. He learned that he was attending a meeting of Ladies Garment Manufacturers—the wrong meeting.—United Press.

Bournemouth, Mar. 23. Members of the Powerful Amalgamated Engineering Union were told today that calling the Conservative Party "murderers, ravagers and gangsters" would do more harm than good to the Labour Party. However, the group was told it will be all right to call them "Parasites".—United Press.

Washington, Mar. 23. Sign of the times: The colour theme for the President's conference on occupational safety next week, formerly "Safety Green," has been changed to "radiation purple."—United Press.

Chicago, Mar. 23. Engineer Walter Parker, 27, wonders whether he might not have been over-melodical in preparing a card file showing where various of his possessions were kept. Burglars apparently used the file to locate loot valued at nearly \$200.—United Press.

New York, Mar. 23. Armando Baccagano, a commercial artist, was charged with assault here after admitting to police that he burned his wife with a charcoal to revive her after she had taken a big dose of sleeping tablets.—China Mail Special.

Honolulu, Mar. 23. A small foreign car spotted on a street yesterday carried a sign reading: "Don't Laugh. I Go Into Orbit Tomorrow."—United Press.

SUNSPOT ACTIVITY

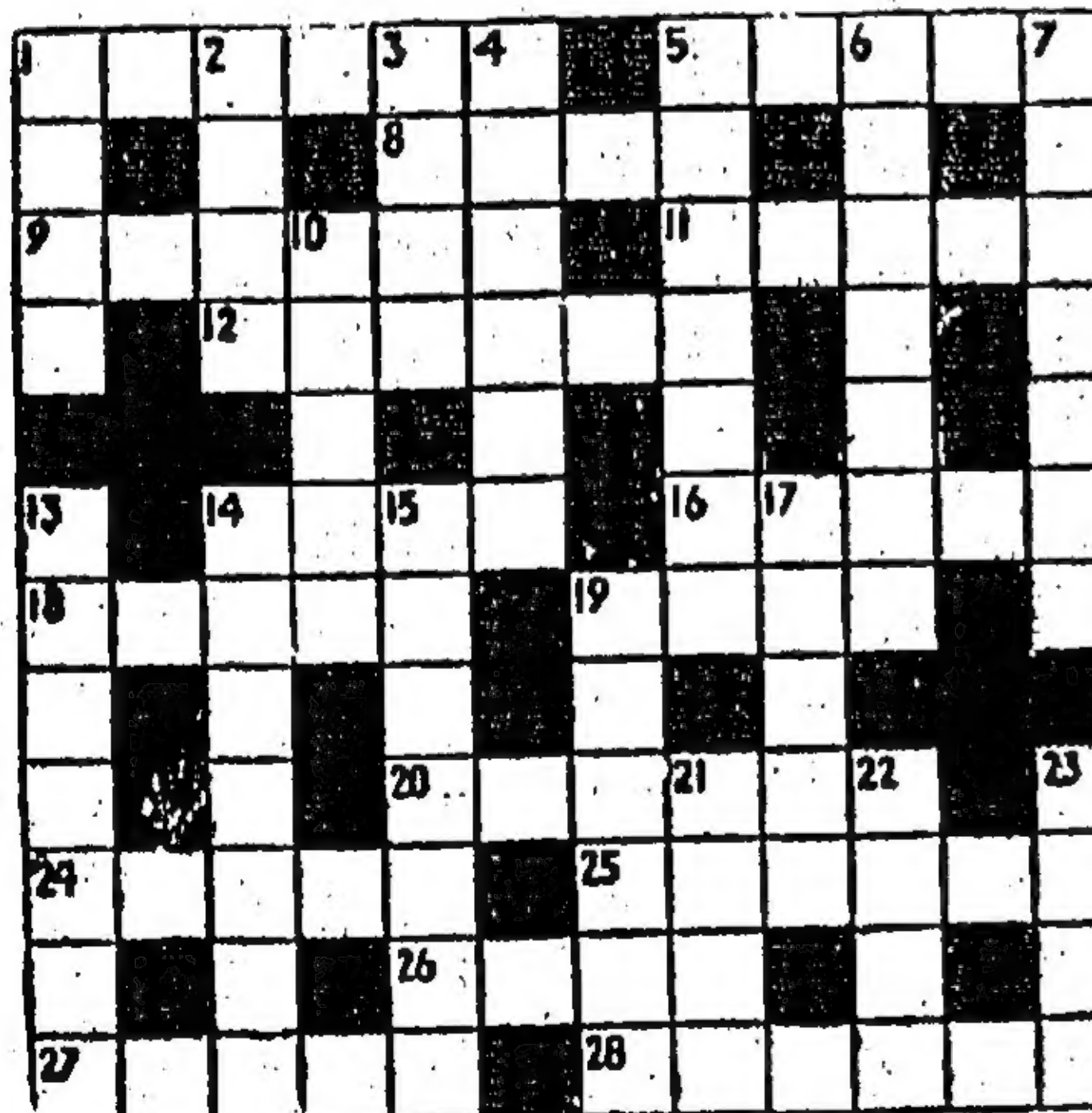
Klagenfurt, Mar. 23. Gigantic eruptions on the sun were reported today by scientists of the Austrian Kanzelhöhe Sun Observatory, in the Carinthian Alps of southeast Austria.

They said the area of the sun affected by eruptions was 20 times the size of the surface of the Earth.

The intense sunspot activity this morning cut all short-wave radio communications between Britain and the Far East, the Soviet Union and much of Eastern Europe.

The blackout lasted for about two hours from 0855 GMT.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Might be a lemon (6).
 - 2 Play ground (5).
 - 3 Quite genuine (4).
 - 4 Not blushing, obviously (6).
 - 5 Most housewives have one (5).
 - 6 Go (6).
 - 7 Religious body (4).
 - 8 Helicopter part (5).
 - 9 Grapes variety (6).
 - 10 Snakes (4).
 - 11 Spain an Portugal (6).
 - 12 Famous last word (5).
 - 13 Metal money (6).
 - 14 Freshwater fish (4).
 - 15 Follow on (5).
 - 16 Good, looker (4).
- DOWN**
- 1 High spots of Europe (4).
 - 2 Fish alone (4).
 - 3 Bird in her nest (4).
 - 4 Make one's excuses (6).
 - 5 No gentlemen, apparently (7).
 - 6 Sailor obtains the things he aims at (7).
 - 7 Country (7).
 - 8 Make a deduction (5).
 - 9 Floor model (7).
 - 10 Inside information (7).
 - 11 General delinquency (7).
 - 12 It's all my eye (5).
 - 13 What's to be done (6).
 - 14 "Lorna Doone" character (4).
 - 15 Related (4).
 - 16 Woe is me! (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Trump, 4 Clouds, 6 Fertilis, 10 Abate, 12 Support, 14 Cascade, 17 Star, 19 Instant, 20 Decays, 22 Eras, 23 Oil-well, 27 Starve, 29 Aster, 30 Easter, 31 Parody, 32 Stows. Down: 1 Tropic, 3 Apron, 5 Police, 6 Leap, 8 Sparta, 9 Refort, 11 Boston, 13 Penelope, 16 Ovary, 18 Chaste, 19 Anil, 20 Decays, 21 Payoff, 24 Leads, 26 Kalle, 28 Lark's, 29 Arid.

Ambassadors To Meet In Washington?

Plans For Pre-summit Talks

US May Share Atom Secrets With Allies

Washington, Mar. 23. Pre-summit talks with the Soviet Union at the ambassadorial level in Washington are being considered by Britain, France and the United States, an authoritative source said today.

The objective of such talks would be to sound out the Soviet representative as to problems which might profitably be discussed subsequently at a Foreign Ministers' conference and later at a heads of government meeting.

The Western powers are in agreement that a summit meeting must be adequately prepared and an exchange of views with Mr. Mikhail Menshikov, the Soviet Ambassador to Washington, would be in line with that thinking.

An authoritative source said that the suggestion for the four ambassadors to meet was still under review by the Western powers and that so far as he knew there had not yet been any firm decision arrived at.

The United States is now preparing position papers and plans on the assumption that there will be a Foreign Ministers' conference in June and a summit meeting, preferably in Geneva, about next September.

The joint congressional committee on atomic energy will open hearings on Wednesday which could have a bearing on United States Government plans regarding a "first step" disarmament approach. The committee will begin hearings on President Eisenhower's proposals for amending the present law to allow the United States to share atomic secrets with its allies.

If the amendments are eventually approved by Congress, the government would be able, for instance, to pass on to Britain and France the experience gained from the exhaustive series of nuclear tests conducted by the United States.

In the past, the United States, Britain and France have jointly insisted that if there were a two-to-three-year trial ban on tests there would have to be a simultaneous agreement on the part of the Soviet Union on a cut-off date for nuclear weapons production.

The United States is now considering whether this link might be broken and an offer made to the Russians for a trial test ban under adequate international inspection.

Britain and France are pictured in Washington as hesitant to agree to this new approach until they have had time for more nuclear experiments in the case of Britain and for a first atomic explosion in the case of France.

If however, the United States were able to pass on information under the suggested amendment to the Russians for a trial test ban under adequate international inspection, then it is thought Britain and France might agree to dropping the previous insistence that a trial ban on testing be tied to a cut-off in weapons production.

Mr. Lewis Strauss, chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, will be the first witness before the joint committee on Wednesday.

The big issue in deciding on whether to divorce a test ban from the dropping of weapons production, so far as the United States is concerned, is whether a foolproof system can be devised for checking on all subsequent tests.

The view of some of President Eisenhower's most prominent advisers, such as Dr. Edward Teller, father of the H-bomb, is that the Soviet Union might cheat and this country would not be able to know whether or not there had been a violation of an agreed test ban.

There was still no indication today whether President Eisenhower would reply in the near future to the last message received from Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Soviet Prime Minister, on March 6, when he pressed given by the State Department is that the United States Government has decided to leave the next move in the exchange of letters to the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

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Royalty Watches Rock 'n' Roll



PRINCESS Margaret seen (in background) recently when she went to visit the Dockland Settlement in London's Rotherhithe area. She is seen watching rock 'n' roll dancers, enjoying herself hugely.—Express.

ELVIS (The Pelvis) IN THE ARMY Spends Last Civilian Hours In Gay Spree

Memphis, Tenn., Mar. 23. Elvis Presley, the hip-swinging idol of millions of rock 'n' roll fans, spent his last hours as a civilian today in the company of beautiful women.

Presley, who will be inducted into the Army tomorrow morning, has had as party guests in his \$100,000 mansion at least 12 attractive women. He has also been squiring about ten some of Memphis' chameleons. But at 7 a.m. tomorrow the gay civilian life of the 23-year-old Presley will come to an abrupt halt.

Already the Memphis cops are giving their forces to ward off the teenagers, and the Army has announced it will put guards on duty at the local draft board and also at the induction centre at Keady Veterans Hospital about 25 miles from Memphis.

Memphis Traffic Inspector Clifford Legg said today "everything is under control" for guarding the route from Presley's mansion to the draft board.

TOO YOUNG

"We're not expecting too many fans to show at the draft board," he said. "It's pretty early in the morning and most of the young men are still in bed."

The Presley induction will be one of the best-covered news events of 1958. Newsmen from all the wire services as well as from many newspapers will be on hand for it. One newsman has already flown in from London. Buenos Aires has asked for a picture story of the induction.

Presley will leave a fabulous life. He is now drawing royalties from his latest motion picture, "King of the Bees". He has made over 62 records and draws an income of over \$1,000 a week from them. He has sold 25 million records, including 7,000,000 of "Don't Be a Baby".

The government, ironically, stands to be the big loser by inducting Presley. Presley's manager, Tom Parker, estimates it will cost Uncle Sam about \$500,000 next year in taxes. It would have gained as Elvis activities.—United Press.

Russia Adopts The Radio Quiz Propaganda Tool In The Mid-East

Washington, Mar. 23. The United States Information Agency said today that at least one American institution had taken root in Russia—the radio quiz contest.

And furthermore, USA said, Russia is using the quiz show—complete with valuable prizes—as a propaganda device, especially in the Mid-East.

A USA report said Radio Moscow undertook an "ambitious" programme of quiz shows with Arab contestants last year, giving away such prizes as radios, phonographs, refrigerators and cameras.

QUESTIONS

Typical questions the Russians asked their Arab contestants were:

"Which was the first Arab country to establish diplomatic relations with the USSR, and in what year?"

"Who in the Soviet delegate who insisted in the Security Council on the immediate evacuation of British and French forces from Syria and Lebanon?"

USA said Moscow Radio announced that 3,000 listeners had taken part, 309 of them winning prizes, in one big contest on Soviet history and Arab-Soviet relations.

Quiz contests were also beamed by Radio Moscow to North and South America, Great Britain and Finland as well as to the Arab Nations.—United Press.

Cherry Blossom Crisis

TREES WON'T FLOWER, BUT SHOW GOES ON

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as Jack Frost would appear at all events. Edward J. Kelly, National Capital Parks Superintendent, said a week of cherry blossoms in the 70s was needed to make the trees blossom.

"There's nothing we can do," he said. "We've tried smoke pots, we've even tried hormones in the past. Nothing works."

The Festival officials said it would be impossible to just cut the whole thing off for a week or so. "Too many scheduled to show up," he said.—United Press.

"Blatantly Superstitious"

St Christopher Medal In Satellite Cleric Flays Navy

Washington, Mar. 23. An Episcopal cleric flayed Navy rocketeers today for putting a religious medal for "divine guidance" in the rocket which hurled the Vanguard satellite into orbit.

The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Kean, Rector of St. John's Church, said that using the St. Christopher medal as a good luck charm was "blatantly superstitious." He said the notion "caricatured" the Christian faith and affronted many people.

He added, in a sermon, that the incident was on a par with the wartime practice of giving Testaments and prayer books to departing soldiers. "Not so much that they were read, but in order that they ward off bullets."

A Navy spokesman confirmed that a small medal of St. Christopher—venerated by Roman Catholics as the Patron Saint of Travellers—was bolted to the gyroscopic guidance apparatus of the Vanguard rocket's second stage.

He said no such medal was included in the first two Vanguard rockets which flizzed, dealing the United States a propaganda setback and handing Navy morale a sharp blow.

THE ORDER

The spokesman said the "change order" which added the religious medal to the Vanguard originated with the Martin Company, contractors for the project. It was approved by a Navy official.

The spokesman also confirmed the Rev. Dr. Kean's assertion that the "change order" stated that the purpose of the medal was "For Divine guidance" of the tall, slim rocket. St. Christopher medals are often worn by travellers going on long trips.

The clergyman said "A great many people feel the Navy might as well have assigned a man to each stage of the rocket launching process 'to cross his fingers and say, 'muggies.'"

He also asked whether anyone had "thought of attaching a four-leaf clover to the missile," which was launched on St. Patrick's Day.

"The fact that a symbol or word is associated with traditional Christianity does not prevent it being used in the most banal manner possible," Kean said.

"The fact that there are religious and moral ideals in our Western heritage, which we believe our military establishment helps to preserve, does not prevent these symbols from being caricatured as that not only is the symbol itself made ridiculous but the faith behind it is turned into children's triviality."

Kean said the incident is more example of the need for concerned people to work with ever more concerned purpose on behalf of the faith that makes men free—including freedom from the primitive mind.—United Press.

"Goodwill Visit"

Jets Break Windows

Sydney, Mar. 23. Fifteen US F-86F Super Sabre fighters on a "goodwill" visit to Australia broke windows and disrupted church services with their noise in Brisbane today.

The planes made low passes over the city, shattering windows in a number of homes throughout the Ipswich District.

The roaring of the planes drowned out church sermons. A Royal Australian Air Force spokesman said the Super Sabre pilots were trying to use up fuel to reduce weight before landing at Amberley Air Base.—United Press.

Ike Returns

Augusta, Mar. 23. President Eisenhower today left Augusta, Ga., to return to Washington in his personal plane, the "Columbine III," after having spent a weekend in Georgia.—France-Press.

21 Killed

The French Army today claimed 21 insurgents were killed or wounded in a fight near Saigon, near Saigon.—Reuter.

Deaths

London, Mar. 23. Mr. Henry Noel Brailford, Socialist author and journalist, died in hospital here today. He was 81.

Mr. Brailford, a veteran Socialist, identified himself for many years with India's struggle for independence.

He was an active campaigner for women's votes from 1910 onwards and an authority on Middle East questions.

Brailford had been writing for well over 50 years and was still working on a book at the time of his death.—Reuter.

John Hartman, who produced the film "Crashy-Boo Hope" (Roads), died in his sleep last night.

Hartman, 57, also wrote Danny Kaye's first three films. For his old company he recently completed "Desire under the Elms". Eugene O'Neill's sombre drama that he expected to become one of Hollywood's greatest films.—China Mail Special.

London, Mar. 23. Lord Maughan, a 70-year-old Lord Chancellor, died at his Chelsea, London, home today, in his 82nd year.

The elder brother of writer Somerset Maughan, he became ill with influenza about a fortnight ago.

Lord Maughan, the first Viscount, was Lord Chancellor (Britain's supreme legal authority) in 1938 and 1939. Previously, he had been a High Court Judge, a Lord Justice of Appeal and a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary.—Reuter.

Triad Gangsters

Singapore, Mar. 23. The Singapore police today arrested eight Chinese Triad Society members after a raid on a secret jungle rendezvous in the outskirts of the city. The Chinese were attending the initiation ceremony of new members when the police swooped down on them.—France-Press.

British Red

London, Mar. 23. British Communist Party chairman Mr. Henry Pollitt, who is in a London hospital after a minor stroke, was said tonight to be "making good progress." He is 67.—Reuter.

FBI ARRESTS TOP CUBAN REBEL

Big Shipment Of Arms Seized

Miami, Mar. 23. Federal agents arrested a top lieutenant of the Cuban rebel leader, Fidel Castro, and two other Cubans last night and seized a \$3,000 shipment of guns and ammunition apparently intended for Castro's rebel forces.

US Customs official identified Rafael Izquierdo, 43, of Miami, as the treasurer of the entire revolutionary organization and as a registered foreign agent.

Also arrested were Jesus Genaro Reyes, 37, and Enrique Barroso, 24, both of Miami. Agents said Barroso admitted being in the US illegally.

NO STRUGGLE Charles Wyatt, Customs agent, said officers arrested the trio without a struggle as they drove up in a car to a Biscayne Bay seaplane base. The trunk of the car was loaded with arms and two of the men had loaded 45 calibre pistols in their waistbands, he said.

The men were held on \$2,500 bond each on charges of attempting to export arms without a licence and possessing automatic weapons.—United Press.

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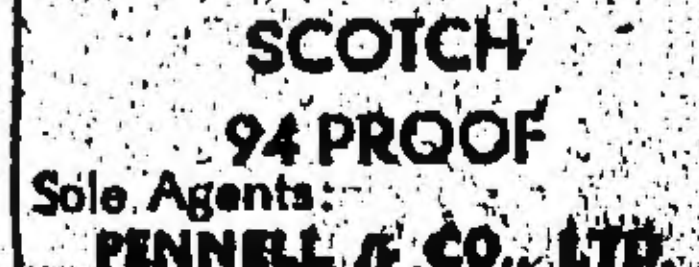
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THOUGH HE DOMINATES THE SCENE AT WESTMINSTER, TO THE PUBLIC HE REMAINS THE UNKNOWN PRIME MINISTER

How Macmillan can win the next election

THE excellent showing of Ludovic Kennedy at Rochdale, a triumph of personality, illustrates the support which the public gives to a popular figure. Television, instead of lessening the impact of individuals, has done exactly the reverse and has opened up to political leaders an extraordinary opportunity of presenting themselves to the nation as a whole.

by LORD LAMBTON, MP

PERSONALITY

Their individual importance is, therefore, greater than ever, and so it is worth while examining with frankness the personality of Mr Harold Macmillan.

For largely upon his presentation of himself will the future of the Tory Party in the next 18 months depend.

During the last few weeks the ascendancy of the Prime Minister has been marked. His Commonwealth tour was a triumph, his television and radio performances have been spectacular. And in the House of Commons he twice shaped a doubting House into accepting his idealism with the certainty and authority of an Epstein.

But the competence of the Prime Minister has always been apparent at Westminster. What is an undoubted fact is that, however much he has delighted the Parliamentary Conservative Party, he has never yet, for some reason or other, been able to impress himself upon the mind of the ordinary elector. And

elections are not won by Parliamentary opinion.

It is worth while trying to find out the reason for this. The British public are not snobbish or particular as to what type of man their Prime Minister should be. They are perfectly willing to accept a working-class man like Ramsay MacDonald, a member of the professional classes such as Asquith or Attlee, an adventurer of genius like Disraeli, or a steady man of business like Baldwin or Chamberlain.

WHAT CLASS

All they desire to know is what a Prime Minister stands for. And, paradoxically enough, only by unconsciously belonging to one class, can a politician achieve that sense of the actual unimportance of class which is the basis of universal appeal.

At the present moment there is considerable confusion in the public mind concerning Mr Macmillan. Some see him as an Edwardian statesman, some as an efficient business man, and some as a crofter's grandson. The pity is that these

divergent views make it impossible for him to emerge as a comprehensible national figure.

The confusion has arisen partly because Mr Macmillan himself seems uncertain as to which stratum of society he has most sympathy with; and partly from a Celtic trait in his character which makes him say what he thinks will appeal to any audience to whom he is talking.

Now this may be explained by his long business career, and may to a certain extent explain the extraordinarily good relations he has with colleagues of every rank. But the quality of sympathetic oratory is of doubtful advantage to a Prime Minister whose every word is reported.

THE SURPRISE

For example, imagine the surprise of those who have accepted Mr Macmillan as being of simple stock when they pick up their paper and find that he has been sitting over a bottle of port in the centre of London's Clubland, propounding the sentiments of the grand Whiggery. Or, alternatively, the surprise of those who have come to admire the statesman in him when they



The Macmillan enigma... which is he—a crofter's grandson, an Edwardian statesman or a business man?

hear him publicly announcing that there ain't gonna be any war, and posing for comic pictures in Downing Street.

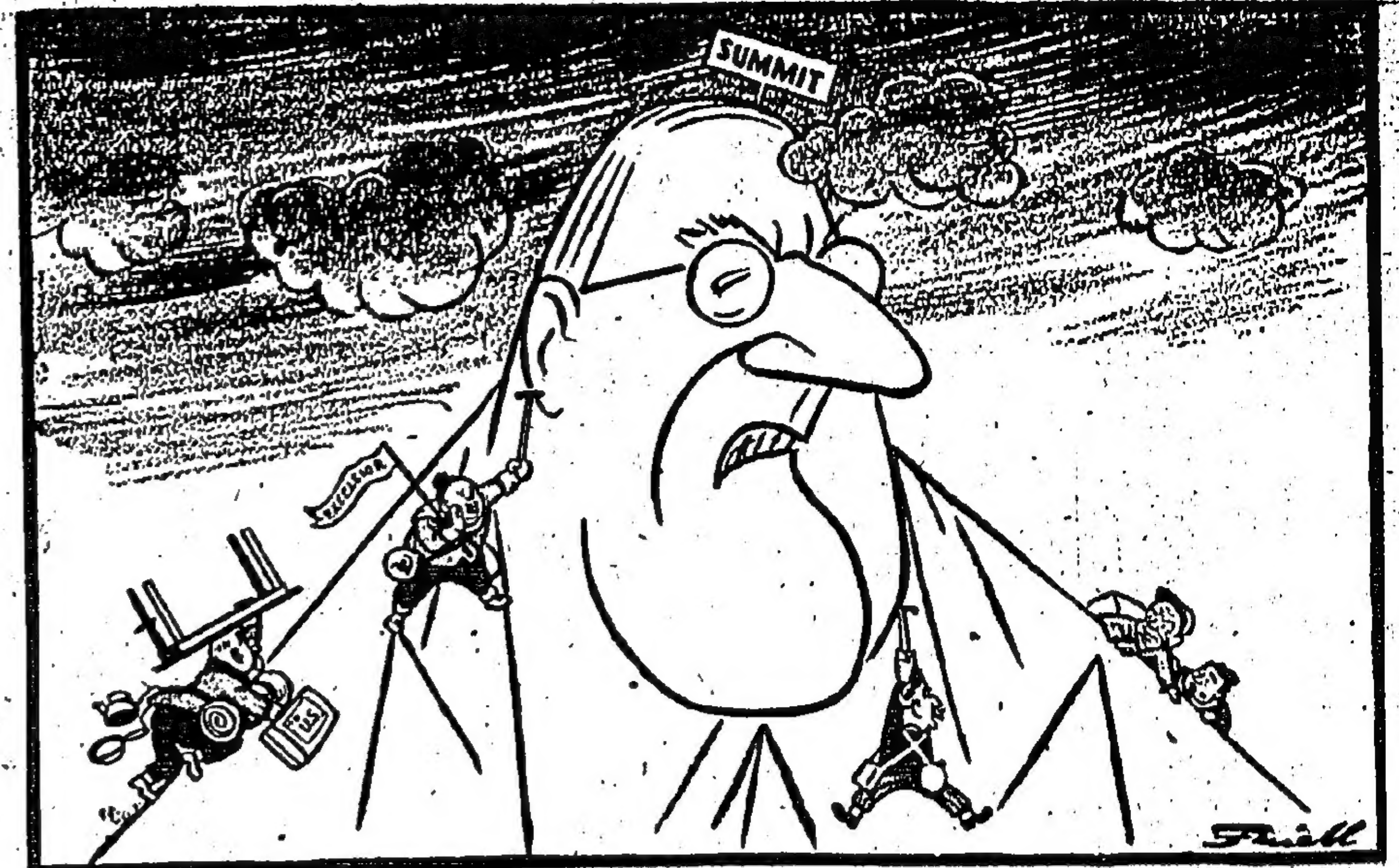
It is vital for a Prime Minister to be of one character. Mr Baldwin could not have suddenly taken to cigars, or Sir Winston Churchill to pipes, Gladstone to lovelocks or Disraeli to public preaching.

A year and a half of office remains yet before the Prime Minister. The future of the Tory Party hangs in the balance. He can no longer afford in any way to misrepresent himself, nor is there the slightest need for him to do so. For his genuine personality—that of a first-class executive with determination and outstanding ability—is best of all.

CHOSEN LEADER

These are the qualities which the country desire more than any other in their leader, and if Mr Macmillan will in future, as he does with such success in Parliament, present himself as he actually is, rather than in a variety of roles, none of which particularly suits him, there is no reason at all why the country should not accept him as their chosen leader, as has the Parliamentary Conservative Party.

And once he has established himself with the country there is no reason at all why he should not lead the Tory Party to another election victory.



"It's an old Russian proverb, Mister President... 'If the Mountain won't come to Mahomet'"

The bride the bishop and the Communist

by ANTHONY HERN

At first sight the case seems to have all the ingredients of broad farce.

Here is a wholesale sausage merchant; his plump bride; a parson striking attitudes; and looking over his shoulder at his bishop; and a small town as divided over the marriage as the village of Clochemerle was over a public convenience.

But today, there is nothing for laughter in the Prato story.

Here is, rather, a classical drama—a drama that has overtones for people in Britain as well as in Italy, for the church-goers in London or the chapel-goers in Leeds.

It is the old, ever-new, clash of Church-versus-State that is taking place behind the smoke-

screen of Italian oaths and Italian prayers, of Communist threats and Vatican warnings.

Take, first, a look at the facts.

Umbrage

THE sausage merchant who is also a grocer, 33-year-old Manro Bellandi, was baptised in the Roman Catholic Church, fought against the Germans in the war, spent a year in Buchenwald concentration camp, and returned to Italy in an open and avowed Communist.

He wooed and won, in traditional small-town style, a local beauty called Lorianca.

Like him, she was born into the Catholic faith. Unlike him, she was still a Catholic.

But when it came to the marriage, he refused to be wed in church. She, in the end, agreed to a civil marriage.

The Church protested. Manro took umbrage. Not only did he go ahead with the register-office wedding; he insisted on holding their open-air wedding reception (Ah! those golden Italian summers!) on the square in front of the bishop's palace.

So a smook was publicly cocked.

Sin

THE Bishop of Prato reacted both as a human being and as a divine.

He issued a public pronouncement condemning the marriage—which, though recognised by the Italian State, was not recognised by the Church.

Indeed, he went further. He said that the newly married couple were living "in public concubinage"—in other words, that in the eyes of the Church they were living in sin.

The bridegroom accused him of slander. An Italian court found the bishop guilty—and fined him £23 with costs.

It is easy to dismiss the hullabaloo that followed as so much foreign hysteria.

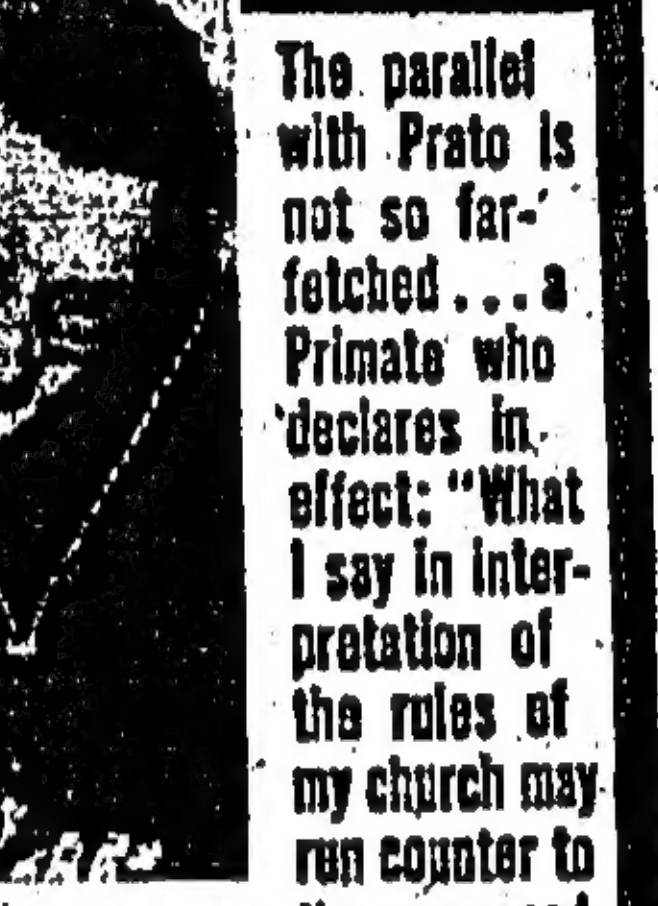
There were threats to excommunicate all those who had taken part in the legal proceedings against the bishop. The Pope, looking suddenly older than his 82 years, cancelled a celebration at St Peter's, Rome.

The Communist Party roared defiance at anyone within shouting distance.

Can all this, should all this, interest us? I think it does. I think it does.

See it as one more battle in the long war over who should control the daily life of the average man: the State by the people elected by the Church by priests appointed by the State.

We in Britain won the war in 1945. But, a hundred years ago with the Reformation, the French won it, in principle.



THE BISHOP OF PRATO, PIETRO FIONDELLI

The parallel with Prato is not so far-fetched... a Primate who declares in effect: "What I say in interpretation of the rules of my church may run counter to the expressed legality of the age, but here I make my stand."

when the Bastille fell 170 years ago.

The Americans have never had to fight it the Pilgrim Fathers, taking their stern democracy with them in their wooden boots, had already won it. I say we won this war in theory. The link with Rome was severed. But, in England, the Church was confirmed as the State Church, as with the 1534 Concordat, the Church of Rome was confirmed as the State Church of Italy.

Of course, there are differences. In England, the law of the land cannot be flouted by the Established Church (can it be in Italy? Ah, here is the nub of the row).

But the Church of England can still, within the law, bring moral and ecclesiastical power to bear with all the weight of a Church By Law Established.

The law of England says that a legally divorced person may marry. The Church of England cannot flout the law; but the Archbishop of Canterbury can determine that the laws of Parliament are not its laws. The parallel with Prato is not so far-fetched.

On the one hand, a prelate who declares: "What I say in pursuance of the doctrine of my Church cannot be slander, and I will recognise no lay court that so determines."

On the other hand, a Primate who declares in effect: "What I say in interpretation of the rules of my Church may run counter to the expressed legality of the age, but here I make my stand."

Establishment brings its conflicts as well as its security. To escape such movements, emerged. The Presbyterian Church, the non-conformist Churches, uphold the liberty of conscience. They believe that democracy can live peacefully with doctrine.

The supremely doctrinaire Church, the Church of Rome, believes otherwise. When the Pope speaks or cathedrals from the chair of St Peter—he is infallible. No man may question; no man may doubt.

Millions accept this faith; its premises and its conclusions. Millions contest it.

History

It is unfortunate, perhaps, that the contestants in the latest conflict should be an authoritarian Communist, who is using the law for his own purposes, and an authoritarian bishop, who rejects it.

More recent people than these, have highlighted the clash between the two powers: Church and State, war.

The clash remains based on the belief of ordinary folk, who will wait: history, judges, has its own infallibility.



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ON SALE AT LEADING STORES

THEY transferred the good-looking gangster Johnny Dio from Sing-Sing to Auburn Jail.

Dio, the dapper thug behind the acid blinding of industrial columnist Victor Riesel, was in handcuffs and leg-irons, along with 36 other convicts, as he was escorted by armed wardens into a chartered bus.

A reporter said: "Hey, Johnny, you read the news about Victor? He's beginning to see again."

Dio, thinner since he went to prison, sneered: "So what. Keep out of my hair. Don't bother me."

A glimmer

RIESEL was not present at the prison transfer. He was at his type-writer in



RIESEL

the New York Daily Mirror office, pecking out his column, which appears in nearly 300 newspapers in North America.

He cannot see, but there is an occasional glimmer when a bright light is shone directly on his tortured eyes.

Riesel, victim of the hoodlums, is striving to regain his sight, and may make another trip to see British specialists.

His column is as forthright and fearless as before the blinding, but there have been death threats against him and his family, and brutal warnings of more acid throwings or worse.

Riesel is battling corruption and crime in labour unions with his newspaper column and before the radio microphone and TV cameras.

Hushed up

BEFORE a radio audience of several million, Riesel attacked James Hoffa, the little dandified head of the Teamsters' Union, a huge sprawling federation of transport workers.

Hoffa and Johnny Dio were friends. Wire-tappings prove it. Hoffa had a heart attack. It was hushed up. But Riesel reported it.

He said: "The bravado's gone. Hoffa doesn't smoke, he doesn't drink, but the heat is

on and he's tense, nervous, jittery.

"I want to see minds in our unions. Muscle is not enough. We want statesmen."

The case of Victor Riesel comes into the news again at a time when corruption is being uncovered in much higher circles.

A 34-year-old professor, Dr Bernard Schwartz, has shaken Americans by his charges of dishonest deals, take-offs, and plain bribery against some of the men who help to govern them.

Schwartz was key man and counsel for a Congressional investigating committee until the other day.

He was compelled to resign.

Great drive

SCHWARTZ, a magnificent lawyer with an almost fanatical drive, has been probing into the workings of America's most powerful agencies, the Federal Communications Commission, the Civil Aeronautics Board, and the Securities Exchange Commission.

Those agencies grant airlines their routes, TV companies their channels, and fix the prices of train and plane tickets and household gas.

There is plenty of room for corruption among men wielding such power, Schwartz says that he can expose it.

He has also charged that there was a White House clique, headed by President Eisenhower's favourite, Governor Sherman Adams, known as the assistant President, which had been dispensing favours.

He also claims that the law firm of Thomas E. Dewey, twice President, was retained by Eastern Airlines to get a special franchise and that the grant of a multi-million-dollar TV channel to a Republican newspaper should be investigated.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Can I ask the names of Edward Hutton's husbands? He wouldn't that be fair?"

DON IODON'S DIARY

KMB MAKE FATAL BLUNDERS

Lapses By Star Defenders Enable South China To Retain Senior Shield

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The Carolina Hill sideboard once again provides a suitable resting place for the Senior Shield and after South China's clearcut 3 goals to nil victory over KMB at the Hongkong Stadium yesterday afternoon few will quibble about the rights of such a privilege.

South China won deservedly but let us mince no words about... this was a bitterly disappointing game. The standard of play was never better than very ordinary; thrills were few and far between; and stripped of its big game tag it would have raised more yawns than yells.

A great capacity crowd provided the right kind of background to what should have been a grand gala occasion... but somehow or other our football authorities once again failed to lay on the embellishments and trimmings which can add so much to the big game atmosphere. What a difference a padding band, or a display of some sort would have made: a great opportunity was missed to entertain the big crowd with the kind of attractions usually associated with Cup... or Shield... Finals elsewhere.

KMB will look back on this game with many regrets and surely with a remorseful thought or two of what might have been... What might have been for example if Lam Kam-long had been fit... what might have been if... what Tim hadn't committed a bad blunder of judgment and presented South China with the opening goal... or what might have been if Wai Fat-kim had not indulged in his momentary exhibitionism... and if... another couple of goals to the South China cause.

A Sad Day

In many ways it was a sad day for the Bunsen. They made a tactical blunder... maybe two... in their team play and all the subsequent switching that went on did nothing to enhance the team work of the side.

The swapping over of Lo Pak and Lo Kwok-leung in the full back positions may have seemed logical enough in that it allowed Lo Pak to match his speed against that of Wong Chik-ling... but it was the result of a blunder in the KMB defence which allowed Mok Chun-wah on the opposite wing having his best game in a long time.

The little South China winger found it comparatively easy to beat Lo Kwok-leung, wrong foot tactics and it was he who really put South China on the way to victory with a snap goal early in the second half.

The KMB forward line hardly existed as a composite unit at any time in the game. Individually the players in the front rank worked hard and did clever enough things, but combined play was at a premium and as they hardly stayed very long in any one position they caused more confusion in their own ranks than they did to the opposition.

Hard Endeavour

Hard endeavour is not enough; it certainly is not sufficient to win Senior Shields, and it was mainly on the basis of ill directed effort that KMB went down to defeat. Wing halves Tang Tung and Leung Kit can seldom have worked harder to less purpose. Both were guilty of some crude indiscretions and both rightly earned several words of reprimand from the referee for their tactics... but several other players got similar words in their ears.

But this was not a defeat of individuals. KMB failed as a team to fight for a victory that might well have been within their grasp. I think they over-estimated the strength of the opposition... but I think too that they seriously over-estimated the handicap which they suffered through the absence of Lam Kam-long.

They failed among other things to exploit the weakness in the right flank of the South China defence and in fact

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 11th (Easter) Race Meeting 1957/58 to be held on Saturday 6th and Monday 7th April, 1958, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shaan Kwong.

Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, 25th March, 1958.

By Order of the Stewards, A. M. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Star Forwards

South China won because they refused to let the occasion become bigger than their own established playing policy. They stuck to their familiar line-up until the game was won. It is true their star inside forwards switched from position to position but the attacking structure never suffered as a result.

This was due in part to the fact that wingers Wong Chik-ling and Mok Chun-wah maintained their touchline positions... but it was also due to the considerable measure to the versatility of Ho Cheung-yu and Yiu Cheuk-yin... although it is said that both of them have played better many a time. Ho Cheung-yu has seldom been so quiet, but at the crucial moment he cast his influence over the play and had a big say in his side's victory.

The first half was evenly contested and although there was always a greater threat in South China attack, they failed to turn that territorial advantage into goals. They did, however, cause a deal of panic in the KMB rear lines. One or two of the Bunsen's clearances were chancy in the extreme and Lee Yuk-tak missed two good scoring chances.

In the breakaways KMB had their opportunities but, apart from a snap shot which went skidding just wide of the post, they too failed to press home their attack at the vital stages. The referee's decision to allow the interval but to many it seemed that the writing was beginning to appear on the wall and it was no real surprise when South China took the lead in the 13th minute of the second half... but Oh, what a tragedy it was for KMB.

The attack developed in the inside left position but as the ball came into the penalty area several KMB players had an opportunity to clear it out of danger... At the crucial moment Lam Tim missed his kick, the ball was swept back into the goal area and Mok Chun-wah cracked it into the net. A great moment indeed for South China but how the KMB heads hung in disgust at the thought of their failure to clear when the chances were there.

Similar Story

Eight minutes later it was almost a similar story. A nominal attack carried South China into the KMB penalty area but the penalty was a superiority of numbers and their goal did not seem to be in any particular danger. Once again they failed to nip the threat in the bud and when Ho Cheung-yu took a hand in things he upset Wai Fat-kim's concentration and made it easy for Lee Yuk-tak to put his side two goals ahead. I'm sure the Bunsen could kick themselves when they think of the chance of errors that led to this goal which really finished the game.

The third and final goal came five minutes from the end and in many ways it was Wai Fat-kim's blindest moment. The goalkeeper tried to put on one of his ultra-carefree displays in dealing with a harmless shot, but he miscalculated... dropped the ball... and in a flash Yiu Cheuk-yin had completed his embarrassment by pushing the ball into the net. For South China, Lee Yee-in spite of his sometimes over robust play—was the outstanding defender, but both Lee Chik-ling and Kwok Kam-hung must have been agreeably surprised at the comparative ease with which they were able to deal with the opposition.

Young Ho Chik-ling is making steady improvement and the famous "Two-Three" did not quite live up to their reputation they still had the desire and the ability to

translate their work into the vital goals which win games. Lo Pak was the best of the KMB defence and he deserved better co-operation than he got. Lau Tim made two errors and each of them cost his side a goal; that makes us forget the many good things he did... but then that is the way of football.

Wai Fat-kim is no longer the super goalkeeper we used to know.

Tang Sum had a comparatively poor game and only Lau Chik-ling and Lau Kai-chu showed the right kind of fighting spirit. Lau Shu-wah was starved for long periods, and Chow Shui-hung was attracted to the ball like an insect to light, and the result was very much the same... he got himself out, he buzzed and buzzed around but he achieved virtually nothing.

Verdict

It was frequently hard to realise that this was the most important game of the season. There was a prevailing sense of apathy that should have been foreign to such an occasion... It was astonishing, for example, to see the KMB defenders idly taking their time when they were being outplayed. South China undoubtedly deserved to win, but we shall recall this 1958 Final only as an entry in the official records.

It was not an easy game to handle but Referee Kirkham took a firm grip and did a very competent job... and so incidentally did the Police in marshalling and dispersing the big crowd.

The Teams

South China: Lau Kim-chung; Lau Chik-ling, Kwok Kam-hung; Lau Tai-hay, Lau Yee, Ho Chik-ling, Wong Chik-ling, Ho Cheung-yu, Mok Chun-wah, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Chun-wah.

KMB: Wai Fat-kim; Lo Kwok-leung, Lo Pak; Tang Sum, Lau Tim, Leung Kit; Ng Tim-loy, Lau Chik-lam, Lau Kai-chu, Chow Shui-hung, Lau Shui-wah.

Referee: F. Kirkham.

NEW ZEALAND'S HOPES FOR BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES AT CARDIFF

Auckland, Mar. 23.

Two 16-year-old girl athletes are among New Zealand's big 'hopes' for the British Empire and Commonwealth Games at Cardiff in July.

They are Mary Donaghy, seventh in the women's High Jump in the 1956 Olympic Games and Beverley Weigel, seventh in the Long Jump at Melbourne.

Miss Weigel leaped 19 feet 2 1/4 inches in the Olympics but has since cleared 20 feet 5 1/4 inches. Miss Donaghy, who cleared five feet 3 1/4 inches at Melbourne, has improved with five feet 6 1/4 inches.

But topping the list of New Zealand's gold medal prospects are sprinter Morris Rae, a semi-finalist in the Olympic 100 Metres, and Valerie Sloper, fifth in the women's Shot Put at Melbourne.

Rae has clocked 20.0 seconds for the 220 yards and has run 100 yards in 9.8 seconds on 20 occasions. These times were all on grass as there are no cinder tracks in New Zealand.

Her Best Effort

Miss Sloper, tall slim girl, threw 50 feet four inches at Melbourne, but she is now throwing 53 feet consistently. Her best is 55 feet 3 1/4 inches, which has been bettered only by the Russians.

Miss Sloper has thrown the discus 122 feet, which will make her a valuable second string to Jennifer Thompson, who held the New Zealand record with 105 feet 2 1/4 inches.

In the men's Discus, 16-stone Les Mills is thought to have a good chance of a medal. He has thrown 175 feet three inches. Another big 'hope' is 16-year-old Dave Norris, who has

Punters And Women Too Look Forward To Opening Of Racing Season

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Mar. 24.

The opening of the flat racing season, with its big Lincolnshire Handicap, means for many the advent of spring.

The "Lincoln," run on the third day after the opening today, is indeed the first leg of what is known to punters as "The Spring Double."

The Grand National Steeplechase, run at the mixed Aintree meeting at the end of the week, forms the second leg.

Many punters, the big men and the little—and women too—look forward to starting the season with a handsome profit on the first week by finding the winner of at least one of the races or one in the first three, and if they bet at all they are almost sure to have at least one double on the two events.

The bookmakers welcome this early season optimism because by and large it fills and gives them a handsome start to the flat.

It is extremely difficult to find the Lincolnshire Handicap winner for a variety of reasons, chief among which are because so much depends on the relative fitness of the candidates and because of the draw for places at the start, which invariably plays a big part in the result.

The world-famous Grand National, with its monster obstacles ready to take toll of any erring jumper, is also an extremely tricky affair, and luck, good and bad, plays a big part. Thus it is a fortunate punter who makes a profit out of either race and an extremely lucky one who is able to pull off the elusive double.

What will start favourite on the day in an open race is anyone's guess. Much will depend on the draw and on the public fancy. There is usually a market springer on the day of the race.

A False Price

As is well known, racing enthusiasts are superstitious, and none more so than women. Thus a horse with the right name gains many adherents to which he or she is not entitled, and starts at a false price. There is one such horse in this year's Lincoln, though it so happens that he has the form as well as the name. This is Magic Moment, a grey four-year-old son of Magic Red. He is the popular choice with the women, and the youths because of the song "Magic Moments" which is at present top of the hit parade.

He is the fancy of many of the experts because it is felt he has been let in with too little weight being set to carry only 8 stone 2 lbs.

It is not easy to say why the handicapper has treated him so lightly. The explanation probably is a doubt that he really gets a mile, though his dam, Queen, is by Mileage.

Unless the going is very heavy, and it does not now look likely to be, this gelding owned

by Mrs Benson and trained by Arthur Budgett at Watcombe is going to give some beating, especially if he is nicely drawn with a high number.

A trio of other four-year-olds who have come in for inspired support are Sagebrush, trained by D. Gunn, Copenhagen, owned by Lord Rosebery and trained by the Lincoln "specialist" Jack Jarvis, and Diplomatic Bag, another Newmarket trained horse.

There has been particularly sound support for the first named, a son of Lo Sage and, like Magic Moment, a grey.

There could, however, be some doubt about his staying powers.

Well Backed

Chief Barker, who won a lot of money for his Sussex connections by taking the Manchester November Handicap last year, is the shortest priced five-year-old, having been well backed in recent days.

Babur, last year's winner, is having another go, but he is now one of the top weights and odds of 25-1 are being laid against his emulating the feat of the French-trained Ob, the horse to have won the race twice. That was 31 years ago.

Among others worthy of note are the four-year-old Colours, Abbots Bench, Blue Peak and the five-year-old Cornelian. All four have been "whispered" and well backed.

Leicester Piggott is to ride Colours, prominent in the Cambridgeshire last year and likely to be one of the fittest horses in the field. There should be no doubt about his staying. The question is whether he will have the necessary initial speed.

Blue Peak, winner of the Craven Stakes last year and having a touch of class of Blue Peter, should also not want for stamina.

A Good Run

The pick of the field seem to be Magic Moment and Colours, who should give their supporters a good run for their money.

In the Grand National, runner-up to Sunday last year, this young chaser, he is still only eight—is set to carry 10 lbs more than last year, but he appears to be still well in with 11 stone 3 lbs.

Among those trying again will be Theobald (third), The Crozier (fifth), Gosander (sixth), Sydney Jones (seventh) and TSB (eighth)—and the winner in 1950, when Devon Loch fell a few yards away from the finishing line.

Some of these are little more than plodders whose chances of reversing the placings with the Scottish gelding are remote unless the going is very heavy, and that it will probably not be. Among those who failed to get round last year having another try is Athenian, who was right up with Sunday at the halfway mark and prominent for most of the race until he fell four fences from home.

This nine-year-old will be ridden by Derek Andell, who has had his best season over and is a real upper over the fences.

Hart Royal, who fell at the first fence last year when heavily backed, has been supported again for a lot of money—but he may have ruined his chance.

Of the British horses that did not contest last year's race

there has been the best support for the Australian-owned eight-year-old College Master, a fluent chaser of the Hunter type, nine-year-old Valiant Spark in the same category as College Master, Eagle Lodge, one of the bottom weights and the ten-year-old Pippikin from the north.

And then of course there are the Irish, who have no fewer than eight entries. British horses have won the last two Nationals, but the three successive years before the Irish, through trainer Vincent O'Brien, collected a notable hat-trick.

And O'Brien, with Sam Brownhorn, does not look this year to have much chance of a fourth victory.

Best fancied in the market of those from across the Irish Sea are the Duchesses of Westminster's Sentina, a winner at Cheltenham, Springsilver, another eight-year-old by the same sire, Fortin, and Mr What down at the bottom of the handicap.

While Mr What has never seen the famous Aintree fences and was the last of the National entries to qualify for the race, many others have won the race with similarly "poor" credentials, including the 1947 Irish winner Caughoo, a little horse like Mr What, of the same age and of the same weight, and the 1952 winner Teal.

Good Judges

Many good judges think that Mr What will prove the best of the Irish contingent, though at present both Sentina and Springsilver are preferred to him in the market.

If that great Irish rider, Toss Toffie, rides him for his father, as is still possible, he will surely shorten in the market.

The pick of the probabilities appear to be Wyndburgh and Mr What, and this pair in cross doubles with Magic Moment and Colours might prove remunerative.

If the going is heavy Athenian and Sydney Jones should prove profitable each way wagers at their good odds. —China Mail Special.

Australia's Empire Games Team Named

Sydney, Mar. 23.

Miss Marlene Mathews, who broke two women's world sprint records last week, is included in Australia's track and field team for the British Empire and Commonwealth Games at Cardiff in July. So too are four-minute miler Herb Elliott and Mervyn Lincoln.

The team, announced here today, contains a fair proportion of new blood, a good sprinkling of youth and few surprise omissions.

Nineteen men and 11 women have been chosen, with a manager and a manageress. Youngest of the men is 18-year-old Jim McCann, who will compete in the long jump and relay. Ray Johnson, a 17-year-old sprinter, is the youngest woman in the team.

Surprise omissions are Alan Lawrence, an Olympic Bronze Medal winner, and New South Wales Champion Gary Borge.

Head—China Mail Special.

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LEAGUE CRICKET

Indians Make It More Difficult For Army North

By "RECORDER"

Two First Division Cricket League matches were played yesterday and involved four of the five leading teams in the Division. There were two close finishes but no real surprises. KCC beat Craigengower at the Valley and the Indian Recreation Club repeated their earlier round victory over Army North, the KCC moving to the top of the table.

The position at the top thus becomes much more interesting than it was a week ago, but Army North are very much in the more soundly placed team for the Championship as they have two games in hand of KCC and are only four points behind.

This is how they now stand at the top of the table:

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
KCC	10	10	0	0	40
Army North	17	10	2	5	42
Scorpions	19	9	5	4	41
Indian RC	19	8	8	3	41
Craigengower	17	8	7	2	39

* Including two points for a tie.

Craigengower still have a chance of preventing Army North from taking the Championship as they have to meet them in what may be the last match of the season. But before that they meet two other strong teams, Scorpions and Optimists next Saturday and Sunday.

KCC's one remaining game is also a tough one—against the Scorpions.

The Indians snatched a victory at Bookhampton of which they can be very proud. Dismissed for 73, they got a strong batting side out for 87 as Myatt took six wickets for 37.

Crumbled

The Indians lost the toss and were sent in to bat against an attack which was getting little assistance from the wicket. Their batting crumbled as only They Myatt (26) and George Ebert (11) reached double figures and they were all out for 73 as Len took four for 10 and Howard-Jones three for 21.

But then they had Kingsford and Jones back in the pavilion for only five on the board and though Goodwin (12) and Rocca

Billy Knight

Beats Drobny In Singles Final

Cannes, Mar. 23. Left-handed Billy Knight, the British Davis Cup player, who was undefeated, won the men's singles title in the Giffa International Lawn Tennis Tournament here today.

Knight, who recently returned from a visit to India, beat another left-hander, Jacques Drobny, a former Wimbledon Champion, in the final 6-3, 6-0, 6-2, 6-1.

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Powerful All-Blacks XV To Play Colony At Football Club Tonight

By "PAK LO"

This evening at 8 p.m. a large crowd is expected to turn out at the Football Club ground to see the powerful All-Blacks XV face the Colony under the floodlights, in what should without doubt be one of the most exciting matches seen in this Colony for some time.

After their very successful tour of Japan this Junior All-Blacks side is riding on the crest of a victorious wave, and whether the Colony can stand up to them will be settled once and for all this evening.

Many people have been talking about how easily the Japanese beat the Colony last season, and making the invitation comparison that since the All-Blacks have beaten the Japanese then they must beat the Colony.

That they should and will beat the Colony is more than probable in my estimation, but this year's Colony XV is much better in every respect than last year's.

It has a faster set of three, which although it includes a couple of players who took part then, these two players have shown a marked improvement this season. The Colony also has a stronger, faster pack than before, and it has been the All-Blacks forwards who have done the most damage to the Japanese sides.

Well Suited

It is unlikely that the Colony forwards will be able to hold the All-Blacks pack throughout the game, and the Colony three will concentrate more on defence than attack, and for this they are extremely well suited, for their tackling is one of their strong points.

If the Colony forwards do manage to contain the All-Blacks pack, then the fast and dangerous combination of Robertson and O'Kelly could well surprise the New Zealanders and find the opening to send their three through.

Whatever the result the game will be well worth watching, and for those who have not yet bought tickets there will still be some available at the ground. The exact details of the All-Black XV are not available as

The Teams

Colony XV: Leppard, Watson, Goulds, Valentine, Sharp, O'Kelly, Robertson, McInnes, O'Donnell, Williams, Wynne, Muniz, Penman, Clark, Green. Junior All-Blacks: Will be chosen from: Dineen, Walsh, Watt, Corsey, Davison, Lincoln, Brown, Thompson, Morris, Prain, Whittin, Briscoe, Whinerney, Rowlands, Creighton, Boon, Meads, Tremaine, Fleckering, Green, Johnston, Soper, Barry, Hayes.

The referee will be Charles Courlee, without doubt the Colony's most experienced referee.

KO Win For Pascual Perez In Non-Title Bout

Buenos Aires, Mar. 23. Pascual Perez, World Flyweight Champion, today knocked out Ricardo Valdez, of Argentina, in the eighth round. His title was not at stake. In the sixth round, Perez knocked down Valdez for a count of nine. Perez will leave for Caracas next week to defend his title against the Venezuelan challenger Ramon Arias. —United Press.

Japanese To Meet Thai Boxer In Charity Bout

Bangkok, Mar. 23. Bangkok boxing promoters said today there was keen interest here in the fight scheduled for April 1 between Masayuki Hasegawa, Japanese flyweight rated Number Six, and Chamroen Sinitrat, former Thai world contender. They said Chamroen, the former Thai boxing idol, had been retired two years from the ring. Bangkok fight fans who once turned out 70,000 strong to see Chamroen fight for a world title were eagerly waiting to see if he could return to his previous form, the promoters said. They said the proceeds of the bout would be for charity. Hasegawa was expected here early next week. —Reuters.

Italy Beaten 3-2 By Austria At Soccer

Vienna, Mar. 23. Two goals in the last 11 minutes enabled Austria to beat Italy 3-2 in a soccer international played at Vienna's Prater Stadium during a snow storm today.

A crowd of 60,000, including 15,000 Italians, saw the fast, tough and exciting match, in which the Austrians led 1-0 at half-time but trailed 1-2 in the second half until their late rally.

The match was part of Austria's preparation for next June's World Cup final series in Sweden, where they will meet England, Russia and Brazil in group 4 of the first round. —Reuters.

POLE VAULT RECORD

Johannesburg, Mar. 23. The 27-year-old South African pole vault star, Hentle Kruger, smashed his own British Empire pole vault record yesterday when he cleared 14 feet, 4 inches. He set the new record during the Northern Transvaal athletic championships in Pretoria. —France-Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Colony XV versus New Zealand at 10KFC, 8 p.m.
Ladies' Golf: Stableford and 9-Hole Foursome.

The Tengku Accepts Invitation To Attend Third Asian Games

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 23. Tengku Abdul Rahman, Prime Minister, has accepted an invitation to attend the Third Asian Games in Tokyo in May. The invitation came from Mr. Fumio Takashima, the Secretary of the Asian Games Federation, here on a goodwill tour. It is not yet known whether the Prime Minister will attend the Games in official capacity or as a private individual.

The Tengku said today he had accepted Mr. Takashima's invitation but had not yet officially received one from the Japanese Government.

Authoritative sources said he would be both received by the Japanese Government and attend public and government functions as Prime Minister.

The sports-loving Tengku is President of the Football Association of Malaya and a patron of the Badminton Association of Malaya.

1962 GAMES

The Tengku said today Malaya would make bid for the 1962 Asian Games. He said Malaya was quite prepared to stage the Games and could do it. Mr. Fumio Takashima, who has examined the facilities available, agreed that Malaya should bid for the Games. He said certain alterations would have to be made to Merdeka Stadium, the sports arena built to commemorate Malaya's independence last year, and additional diving boards would have to be installed at the swimming pool. The Prime Minister said there would have to be a lot of planning and preparation. He said "This will involve expenditure of a large sum of money, but we are prepared to do it." —Reuters.

SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP Saints Win Senior League Title For Yet Another Year

By "TIME OUT"

Congratulations go to Bimbi Ablong and his Saint Joseph's team for winning the Senior League Softball Championship for yet another year when in the main attraction over the weekend the Joys downed the fighting Warriors by 5 runs to 3 in one of the most exciting softball games witnessed at King's Park for a long time.

Handshakes are also in order for Robert Remedios' Cheyennes who won the Junior KO final against the Dodgers by 5 runs to 2 and last but by no means the least for "Peanut" Yim who tossed yet another no-hitter in a ladies' League game, this time against the rookie Overseas who bowed to South China by the lopsided score of 25 runs to 1.

The only thing spoiling a memorable week for local softball was once again the end-of-season forfeits, by the South China Senior and the CAA Ladies to the Pandas and University respectively.

A large crowd, one which was in excellent voice, was treated to an exhibition of careless base-running by the Warriors when no less than 3 potential runs were thrown overboard—a trio of tallies that could have given them the Senior League title.

Running Tactics

However, it is not proposed to sit in judgment of their base-running tactics. In the tense atmosphere prevailing at King's Park it was no easy matter to curb one's eagerness while treading the path between bases and the well-meaning advice hurried from the stands only added to the ultimate confusion.

The Saints battled first and before the opposition even had time to settle down one run was notched up on the scoreboard. A. G. Ismail bunted safely to get on and stole second. Ari Ozorio sacrificed Ismail to third. Benny Omar then laid down a neat bunt along first and Ismail hit the plate to open the scoring.

L. C. Poon's drive was badly fielded by "Goose" Wong and the Saints had two on but neither Dave Leonard nor Meme Xavier could score through with a hit and the Warriors came up to bat trailing by a solitary run. The first three batters went down in quick order.

The Saints' P. C. Wong opened the Joys' second inning with a grounder past short. Bucks advanced Wong on a sacrifice bunt and Salleh followed suit to have Wong parked at the hot corner. A. G. Ismail then wangled a walk off "Goose" Wong and stole second. Then came the game that completely disheartened the Warriors.

Ari Ozorio's grounder was snapped up by shortstop Dick Chavez, but a wild throw beyond the reach of first-sacker Joey Rols had both Wong and Ismail crossing the plate for two unearned runs. Worse was yet to come. Benny Omar's drive went through Chavez' legs for Ozorio to score run number three but Omar was tagged out in attempting to make third.

Bottom Half

Trotting 0-4, the Warriors stormed right back into the game with a pair of runs in the bottom half of the second. Two hits and a number by P. C. Wong at shortstop, who was promptly replaced by Ari Ozorio, saw both Pereira and George Ribeiro scoring. Then with two runners on base Hancock whiffed, "Goose" Wong forced Rols out at third and Jimmy Chang fled to right-field for the third out. The Saints didn't make any headway in the top of the third and in their turn at bat in this frame the Warriors lowered the run to only 1 run when John Pereira came through with his second hit to drive in Tony Rodrigues just ahead of him.

The Saints went down in quick order in the top of the fourth inning. It was during this frame that the Warriors threw away a golden opportunity to tie up the ball game. With one away "Goose" Wong surprised everyone present with a sharp single past third base. Jimmy Chang then lined a stinging double to right field and Wong scampered all the way to third.

At Least 15 Medals For P.I. Swimmers At Asian Games?

Manila, Mar. 23. Philippine swimmers will garner about 15 medals, from gold to bronze, fighting Japan all the way in the coming Asian Games in Tokyo, swimming coach Mariano Natividad declared yesterday.

Natividad, now rigorously training 31 candidates for the swimming team, pointed out that in the second Asian Games in 1954, the Philippines got four gold medals in swimming and many silver and bronze ones in addition. Two of these gold medalists, women swimmers Hayde C. Espino (free style) and Jocelyn von Gliese (backstroke) are still on the team.

Hayde's Asian record is 1 min. 0.5 secs. Her latest for the 100-metre free style is 1 min. 8.1 secs. —France-Press.

New Marathon Record

Paris, Mar. 23. A new national Marathon record was created today by a stavedore from Yanchow Kiangsu province, who covered 42 kilometres, 195 metres in two hours, 50 minutes and 55.8 seconds, the New China News Agency reported.

Wang Cheng-hai created the record in the Kiangsu provincial Marathon, which was held on the highway between Changshu and Wushu. The original record was 2 hours, 52 minutes, 33.6 seconds. —France-Press.

Mrs Fleitz Scores An Upset Win Over Miss Gibson

San Juan, Mar. 23. Beverly Baker Fleitz of La Jolla, California, scored an upset 6-4, 10-8 victory over Althea Gibson, the top-ranked US woman player from New York, today to win the women's singles title in the San Juan International Tennis Tournament.

Mrs Fleitz, mother of three children, used a steady slamming game from the baseline with accurate cross-court drives to stop Miss Gibson, who won most of the world's major titles last year, including the Wimbledon Championship.

Former Wimbledon Champion Budge Patty of Los Angeles and Patsy beat former Davis Cupper Ham Richardson of Westfield, New Jersey, 7-5, 6-0, 6-2 today in the final round of the men's singles in the invitation tennis tournament here.

Richardson rallied to win the first set after trailing at set points 3-5, love-40. Hamilton Richardson and Jack Frost of Monterey, California, beat Mario Llamas and Francisco Contreras, both of Mexico, 6-4, 6-4 to win the men's doubles crown.

Patty will leave for the Riviera tomorrow. —United Press.

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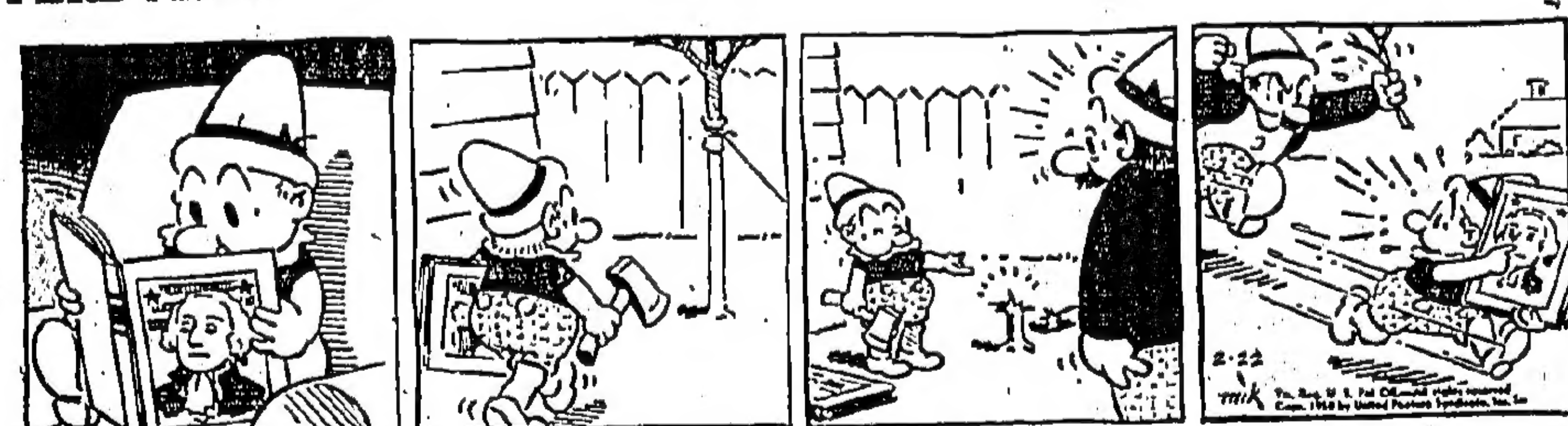


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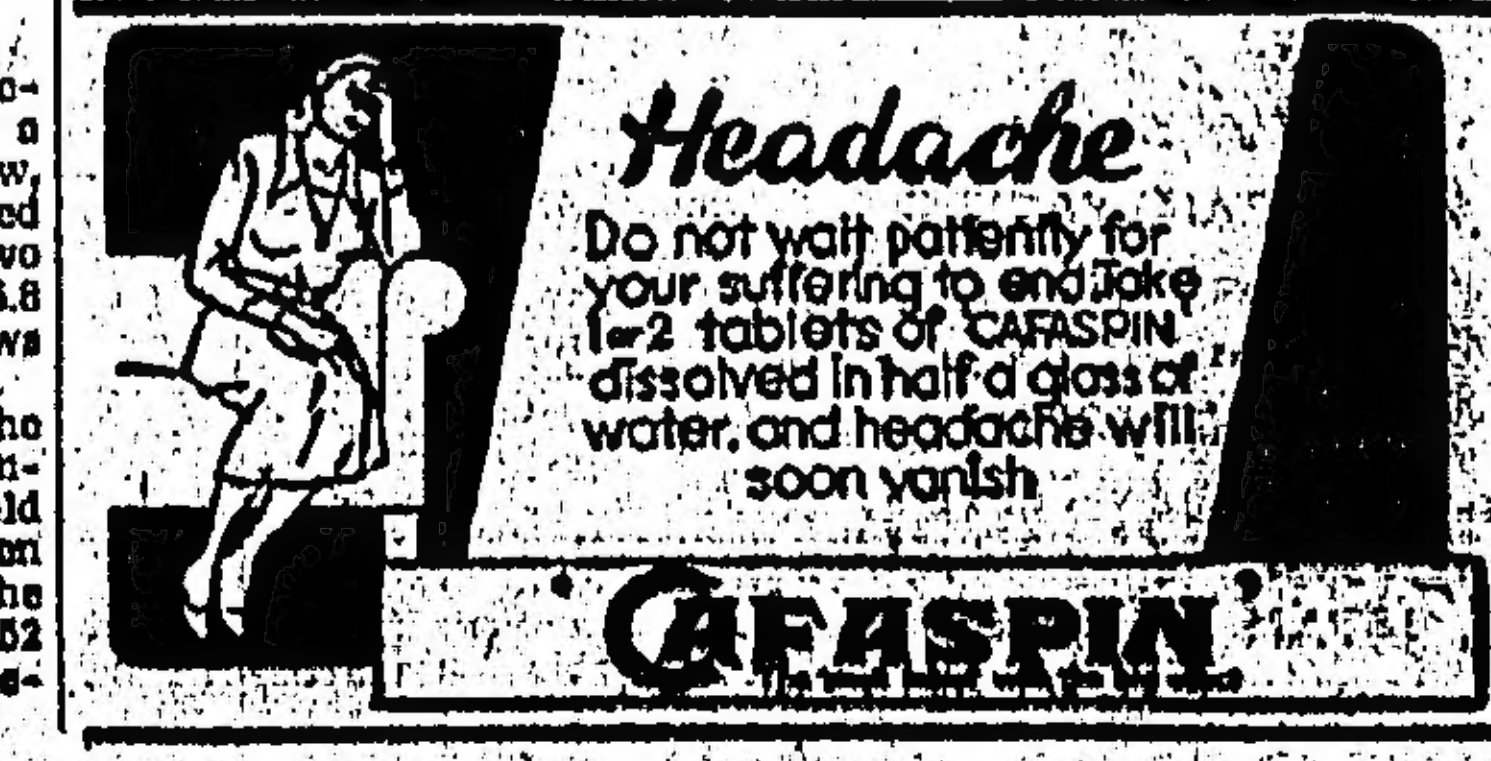
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Science And Engineering

'AIR CUSHION' COULD REVOLUTIONISE SHIPPING COSTS

By CAROL COGHILL

Copenhagen.
 AN invention, which, it is claimed, could reduce the fuel consumption of world shipping by 30 per cent, has recently been patented by a 33-year-old Danish naval architect, Mr Knud Gram.

It consists of an "air cushion" artificially created along the bottom of a ship, which serves to reduce the friction between the hull and the water.

The idea of using air as a lubricant on ships—in the form of an air layer between the water and the wetted surface of the hull—is an old one, the first experiments in this line having been made some 50 years ago. These early air lubrication plants used a large number of air nozzles distributed over the entire area of the wetted surface. Air from the atmosphere was then conveyed, by means of compressors, to these nozzles and blown out into the water. The resulting air-water around the hull had a smaller density than "normal" water and consequently produced less friction.

Reduce Friction

But the air blown out in this manner was "lost" and the power required to operate the compressors was in fact found to exceed the propulsive power gained from reducing the friction.

The results of these early experiments were thus discouraging and further progress in the field of air lubrication was not achieved until 1946 when a team of Swedish scientists produced a more satisfactory form of "air cushion".

Then, a test barge was provided with vertical side keels at the bilges and a transverse "dam" aft, the side keels and the dam bounding an air cushion into which air was delivered at the force end by means of a permanently operated blower using air from the atmosphere.

The barge was not, however, provided with any means of "stabilising" the cushion, that is, of creating a continuous layer of air over the entire area of the ship's bottom. Furthermore, the pumped-out air was still "lost". Nevertheless, test runs showed an appreciable reduction of friction and a consequent gain in propulsion power far outweighed the power consumption of the blower.

Stabilised

Mr Gram's contribution consists of a stabilised air cushion, in the form of a closed air circuit, pumped out at the force end of the vessel and sucked in at the aft end, where by the air circulates in the same manner as the "caterpillar feet" of a tank.

The cushion should, according to Mr Gram, have a depth of about 0.4 inches, the air being circulated at roughly the same speed as that with which the ship is propelled through the water. The power required for the blowers regulating this air circulation is estimated at one thousandth (1/1,000) of the horsepower total of the ship's engine.

In order fully to stabilise the air cushion and avoid air losses due to rolling and pitching, Mr Gram's system included a transverse as well as a longitudinal air circuit. Both circuits are provided with means of regulating the air velocity according to the movements of the ship.

Gram, whose speciality is ship design, started work on his cushion about 18 months ago. Beginning with models in a pool in his garden, he later received a private donation to continue his experiments at the Royal Technical College in Copenhagen.

Not To Interfere

The "circulating cushion" can, he believes, be created on all types of vessels. The cost of the operating apparatus is small and it can easily be placed in such a manner as not to interfere with the structural elements of the ship.

So far, Mr Gram's experiments have been restricted to model ships. He has, however, already taken out patents for his invention in a number of countries and hopes that experiments with at least "partial" air cushions will shortly be made on real ships.

His invention has received considerable publicity in Den-

mark and the country's largest shipping company, A.P. Moller, has secured the pre-emption rights for Denmark.

The merchant marine of the world is at present estimated at 100,000,000 gross tons, corresponding to 10,000 ships of an average tonnage of 10,000 gross tons each.

According to Mr Gram's calculations, his air cushion could, by reducing the friction between hull and water and thus the power necessary to propel the ship, bring down fuel costs for each of these ships by 300,000 Danish Crowns (£15,000 pounds) a year.—China Mail Special.

NEW TUBE BRINGS COLOUR TV NEARER

By JAMES THOMAS

Television experts and scientists will see a new type of TV picture tube in May.

Last week it was said that it could revolutionise the radio industry, bring colour TV years nearer and change the shape of your set in under 18 months. If manufacturers are satisfied that it is worth putting into mass production, the new flat tube will mean TV sets only six inches deep which you can hang on the wall.

And it has been designed to receive pictures in colour.

The inventor, Dr Dennis Gabor, of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, said he believed that the new tube would find the new tube to be the answer to the colour problem.

SLIM CABINET

The Hungarian-born professor, one of Europe's most brilliant electronic experts, said the work of the new set could be squeezed round the tube to make an efficient 21-inch colour receiver in a slim cabinet only 7 inches deep.

The BBC can already transmit "compatible" colour, that is, coloured pictures which can be received in colour on special sets and also in black and white on present receivers.

Chloride Emergency Battery

THROUGHOUT the period of the Brussels Universal and International Exhibition (April 17 to October 19), a No. 17AC Keepalite emergency lighting battery and control equipment will be serving a dual purpose.

While on view to the public as a typical product of the makers—Chloride Batteries Ltd. of Exide Works, Swinton, Manchester, England—it will also be playing an essential part in the electrical equipment supplying the requirements of British Industry Pavilion.

STAND-BY

The equipment will form part of the sub-station which is being built in the Pavilion and its duties will be to provide stand-by power for emergency lighting and supplies for switching operations.

Consisting of a battery of 50 Chloride DBNG4 enclosed type plants cells and a standard Keepalite charging and control cubic, the equipment will form an integral part of the sub-station section to be situated behind a large plate glass window facing the outside of the building.

The battery itself will be housed in a special battery room forming the centre section of the wing containing all the electrical equipment. Since the Pavilion will be brilliantly lit after dark, even when its doors are closed, the equipment will, in fact, be on display, day and night, throughout the whole six months' duration of the Exhibition.

'ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD,' EAST GERMANS TOLD

By TERENCE DAVIDSON

Berlin, March 23.

THOSE few East Germans who are still allowed to visit West Germany are now given a travel guide telling them how to behave while outside East Germany—and warning them that "all that glitters is not gold" in the West.

The pocket-sized booklet is attractively produced in colour. Interspersed among illustrations of railway trains, waiters in white jackets and brandy bottles, all in the modern western advertising, is a whole course of advice.

Western observers here say that there has been a sharp decrease in the number of permits issued in East Germany for travel to West Germany since about last September. In December, the Volkskammer (Lower House) passed an amendment to the Passport Act making it illegal to visit West Germany without special permission.

One Visit

Anti-Communist sources in West Berlin report that present East German practice is to restrict each citizen to one visit to West Germany a year. And even this visit is permitted only if it is to be made to a close relation. No East German will be allowed to spend a holiday with a friend in West Germany, according to these sources.

Parents are not given permission to visit children who have fled to West Germany as refugees. Neither are people under suspicion of some political offence allowed to go to West Germany. Permits are not granted to Government officials, works managers or to the police all of whom are regarded as liable to special dangers in the West.

Prospective travellers who do manage to overcome the obstacles can read in the copy of the booklet they are given: "You are travelling privately—but your journey has a political character...."

"You know, or if this is your first journey you will soon dis-

cover, that you will get a friendlier and more agreeable reception if you slander your country or make jokes about its efforts, its difficulties and its successes. But this is not a good way, and to gain advantages by this kind of slander, though this may sound harsh, is swindling."

The Booklet

In smart pink and black lettering, the booklet tells the traveller that he is allowed to take only 100 East marks with him for the whole trip. (The official East German rate of exchange is six East marks to £1. But in West Berlin East marks are traded at about four to the West German mark, giving a cross rate of 48 East marks to the £1. The official East German rate is one East mark to one West mark.)

The traveller is further told that he may spend up to 50 East marks on refreshments on the journey (including the return trip). For this expenditure, he must show border checkpoint officials receipts when he returns.

What he is supposed to do with the other 50 East marks is not stated in the book. Though East marks may be used in dining cars on trains crossing West Germany, in exchange for receipts, East German officials frown on the idea of anyone extending hospitality to a West German at the same time.

"You may not invite a traveller from West Germany to join you, since everyone must pay in the currency of his own state," the booklet says.

The bulk of the booklet consists of instructions designed to shield the East German from the impact of the West German life.

"The first impression is often fascinating," it says. "The rich

variety of goods, the roaring traffic, glittering limousines and countless modern small cars, the lights of the big city streets at night, the elegant public in the bars, hotels and restaurants—everything, and more besides, is back again, despite the lost war.

"But all too easily one over-looks in the first rush of delight that the old boxes are there again too.... Even as a private traveller you soon realise that all that glitters is not gold.... the prices will take your breath away—even if you do find some things in West Germany which are cheaper or easier to get.... just open your eyes as wide as you can, and learn to look a little below the surface."

To Struggle

The booklet adds that the Western Allies of World War II pumped some of their war profits into West Germany and got it on its feet again while the unindustrialised Eastern zone had to struggle on by itself, although East Germany can claim to be the fifth industrial power in Europe after the Soviet Union, Britain, West Germany and France.

Referring to former East German industrial backwardness the booklet says: "There is no art in making an omelette if you have the eggs. But to do it without eggs, that really is something, and the German Democratic Republic has done it."

At the end of the book there are three puzzles to divert the traveller on his journey. Each puzzle spells out a message when complete. They are: "Adenauer means atomic war"; "Be proud to be a citizen of the German Democratic Republic for you have built it with your own hands" and "Look behind the facade of the Federal Republic's economic miracle"—China Mail Special.

The Real Story Behind The Townsend-Princess Margaret Romance?

By ROBERT MUSEL

London, Mar. 23.

FOR reasons of their own Court circles are now revealing for the first time what they say is the real story of the romance of Princess Margaret and Group Captain Peter Townsend—that she never intended to marry him at all.

This was believed by a small group of knowledgeable persons at the time of the worldwide furor in the Autumn of 1955 but was never widely confirmed. The fact that the presumed true version is now being spread deliberately is a most interesting commentary on the unusual young woman, fate made sister of a Queen.

Townsend, divorced World War ace with two children, fell in love with Margaret while he was serving in the Royal household. The affair was discovered during the Coronation of 1953 and he was transferred—"excited" some said—to Brussels as air attaché and returned to London on leave.

Courtship

Promptly he conducted a spectacular wooing faithfully reported in newspapers all over the world.

This headline courtship, carried on with dash and confidence, attracted a lot of Townsend's most loyal supporters in the tight inner circle of the Court.

They understood the little Princess had assured her family that she had no intention of marrying the handsome aviator. In their eyes Townsend seemed to be trying to force the sister of Queen Elizabeth to change her mind.

Now the alleged explanation for Townsend's impetuosity is being leaked by Court circles. In their opinion Townsend, perhaps through a misunderstanding, thought it was all settled and he was coming back to England to be married to Margaret.

He was stunned and humiliated when he discovered

Telecrit

By

JOHN LUFF

YESTERDAY, being more or less a day of leisure, we were able to entertain an old young friend who has returned to the Colony for a season during which she will be appearing at a popular night club, and performing on our local Television programme.

I refer to Shirley Evans who has just finished a successful tour of Australia. I was interested to hear about the show business in Australia, and it certainly seems as if there is some business there. The variety artists find plenty of variety in the glances she plays.

Shirley Evans was telling me about a place called Cairns. Personally, I have never heard of it, but she said it is like a Wild West town, with plenty of drinking going on among the local men who turn out of the bars and sleep it off in the streets.

Going to the other extreme, Shirley referred to Australia where you find sophistication plus.

Shirley seemed to like playing the Theatre Royal, Brisbane, where, to quote, "the audiences are very friendly."

TV seems to be going in a big way in Australia. I asked about the sponsored shows, and Shirley told me she appeared in the "Cubby" Show as their guest artist.

Shirley Evans will be appearing in Saturday Variety, the popular opening programme of the evening.

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I THINK you had better get in front of a set tomorrow evening when the 9 p.m. feature brings along "Mine Own Executioner." The film stars Burgess Meredith, Kloron Morgan and Doree Gray. The book is by Nigel Balchin, and deals with psychiatry. I have not seen the film myself, but I have read the book several times.

On Wednesday Claud Rains comes into the Alford Hitchcock programme. The title is "And So Died Rascobuchinski." Sounds frightening before you switch on.

The item lots of us asked for, comes along on Thursday at 8.30 p.m. when the camera takes us into the Police Mess of the Royal Naval Dockyard to see the final of the Sea King Darts Competition. I don't know if you saw the exhibition match played over TV some months ago, but I gave it my opinion then, that a darts match makes a most thrilling TV feature. The same evening brings along a plus "Background to Danger" starring George Raft, Brenda Marshall, Turhan Bey, and Peter Lorre.

Saturday night's closing feature film is "Dark Hazard," which brings back Edward G. Robinson to the screen.

That takes care of the highlights for this week, but of course, if any one is anything unexpected, pop up, the TV camera will be along to share it.

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I CAN'T help but think that there is a case for TV to put on a live show which introduces a kind of forum or panel. At the moment, I am looking at both the BBC and ITA programmes for last Sunday. BBC is running "The Baring Trust" with Sir Eric James, Anthony Quinn, and Alan Bullock, at 4.15, Sunday afternoon. At 7 p.m. they put on "Meeting Point," in which programme, a specialist discusses a topic of immediate interest, ITA, which cannot afford the luxury of experiment, finds these programmes of such interest value that it comes across with "Tell the People" at 5.55 p.m. In this case (last Sunday) Robin Day, now with ITA, went along to Scotland Yard to question Sir John Nott-Bower.

Quite frankly, I am sure that a programme of the kind I suggest above would go down in a big way, as long as it was done properly, and not captured by a lot of embryos who elect themselves to the Ministry of Local Autonomy of the intellectual. And of course, if you are going to run a Baring Trust, you have to find some barons.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Once-Soaring Rocket Is Grounded

US Economy: A Gloomy Report

Confidence And Consumer Demand Run Out

New York, Mar. 23. The US finally got its Vanguard satellite into space last week, but a once-soaring rocket called American Business remained firmly mired to earth. The plain truth of the matter seemed to be that the twin propellants of confidence and consumer demand for durable goods had at last run out after pushing business ever higher for some 18 years of war and peace.

Factors of the problem included:

● Productive capacity appeared to have caught up with, or even passed, current demand in the US and, perhaps, in the world as a whole.

● American consumers, by and large, have been buying hard goods at a rate in excess of their actual incomes and now are in debt and paying by instalments for cars, television sets, refrigerators, air conditioning and house.

● Business has plenty of money, but in retrenching rapidly on capital expenditures for plants and equipment in the face of slumping consumer demand.

● Confronted with a problem similar to "which came first, the chicken or the egg," economists and government officials debated the most effective methods of priming capital outlays and/or consumer spending.

OUTLAYS

While President Eisenhower and Congressional leaders went on with plans for huge government public works outlays to ease mounting unemployment and needle business, the Federal Reserve Board made its second anti-recession move of the month.

The Board reduced the reserve requirements of commercial banks by 1/4 percentage point, thus freeing about 400 million of the reserve member banks must keep on hand against demand deposits.

Since a single reserve dollar on the average is able to support six dollars in additional loans, the action in theory meant an immediate \$3 billion increase in bank credit throughout the US.

Bankers disagreed widely on whether the move would have any appreciable effect on business. Some thought a bigger reduction was needed, while others said they already had more loan capital on hand than the present credit market demanded.

The cut leaves the requirement on time deposits at 5 per cent. An earlier half-point reduction had been effective on March 1.

Meanwhile, the President's economic advisers said he will wait until at least late April before deciding whether to advocate tax cuts to bolster business. This is to enable him to assess both the April business reports and the political temper of the country.

FORMULAS

The Treasury has been considering dozens of tax cut formulas with no present indication that any one in the most likely to be adopted if and when.

One plan would forgive all withholding taxes on personal income for the last quarter of 1958, a method which would cost the government from eight to nine billion dollars. Under this plan, the corporate tax rate would remain at its present 52 per cent.

There are also plans for cutting business taxes, but some government economists oppose such a move, since they say business has plenty of money. Confidence, they say, is more important than tax cuts.

At least one major corporation, Bell and Howell, of Chicago, seemed to agree with this government view. The company, which manufactures cameras and tape recorders, is urging other firms to follow its example in stepping up output to cut unit costs, offering new products at lower prices, increasing advertising and sales activities and freezing management salaries.

US COTTON GOODS MARKET

New York, Mar. 23. Cotton textile manufacturers this past week paid increasing attention to the trend of consumer buying for the Easter season. A continuing gain in the rate of retail sales could furnish the spark needed to "get the market going again," after a year-long depression, some executives thought.

The steadily rising cost of raw cotton, plus inflationary implications drawn from proposals to end the recession, helped to generate a better underlying feeling.

The general observation summed up to "the worst is behind us and a pickup is long overdue."

William A.L. Sibley, head of the Carolina group of Monarch Mills, predicted an end of the present recession in textiles within six months.

While a wide difference of opinion existed as to just when the turn will take place, consensus was that the second half will witness a marked improvement.

The optimistic viewpoint was expressed in face of an admittedly poor current volume of business. This was pointed up in mid-week by news that some southern print cloth plants intend to cut production back to a four-day week "unless the market improves very soon."

Other plants are working five and six days with three shifts. Sources insisting that "a pickup is long overdue," pointed to: 1. The fairly steady turnover of retail sales of soft goods; 2. Low inventories at all levels of distribution; 3. Mill contentment that prices are "rock bottom" and their stiffening attitude toward granting concessions; 4. Quick settlement of the dress strike and the expected early resumption of buying by customers.

Another straw in the wind was the widening number of inquiries for print cloth, late in the week, wanted for third and fourth quarter delivery. While the demand was "at a price," most mills turned down the business at the prices offered.—United Press.

US RECESSION NOT ENDED

Chicago, Mar. 23. It would be premature to think the end of the American recession is approaching, according to Mr. Arthur Burns, former chairman of President Eisenhower's Council of Economic Advisers.

The current recession mild up to now "need not remain that" and was already being felt to some degree in nearly every major industry, he said, in a speech at Chicago University last night.

Mr. Burns recommended a \$255,000,000 income tax cut for businesses and individuals.—China Mail Special.

JAPAN'S ACTION ON WOOLLEN GLOVES

New York, Mar. 23. American wool importers said today Japan's voluntary quota on woollen glove exports will firm prices in a widely fluctuating market.

However, sweater importers sold a similar voluntary quota on Japanese woollen sweaters yesterday was a "groundstand play" to appease American protectionist interests.

Some importers thought the 200,000 dozen limit set by Japan yesterday was a "groundstand play" to appease American protectionist interests.

One importer said the Tokyo decision was a "promotional device" by the Japanese to make it appear that there will be a scarcity of sweaters and to make American retailers "rush in and place their orders."

Most sweater importers claim there is at present little interest

New York Stock Market Review

New York, Mar. 23. The stock market gave an appearance of strength during the past week but it closed the week lower in the major Dow-Jones averages.

Utilities finished with a gain of 0.32 point on the week at 73.02 in their average, a new high since June 14, 1957. The industrials lost 0.55 to 452.49 and the rails lost 0.59 point to 105.69.

But there was a gain of nine cents a share in the Standard Poors average of 500 stocks.

The reason for this seeming discrepancy in the leading measurements of the market lies in the fact that the best showing in the market was in the lesser-known issues.

Late in the week-end simultaneously with the release of the cost of living index showing another rise, the market community turned to the so-called inflation hedge stocks—stocks whose companies have inventories of raw materials or raw material production facilities. These included the copper, aluminum, and oil issues.

BEST SHOWING

The coppers made the best showing for the week and those outside the group used to calculate the Dow-Jones industrial average were the best gainers. International Nickel, in the average, lost 2 points. Magma gained 5 1/2 and American Machine & Metal rose 4 1/2. A long list of others rose 2 or more.

Lorillard ran up 4 1/2 points in the tobacco shares led in the general advance with Imperial Tobacco up 3/4 and British American up 2/5. Wall Paper deferred shares, in a world of their own, rose 4/10 without attracting as much attention as Holla Royce, up 2/3, and others, Line Associated Electric, Imperial Chemicals and Unilever, up 1 and 2 shillings.

Among the drugs, a long list set new highs. Glaxo in the group ranged to 4 1/2 points in Plough, 4 1/2 in Vick Chemical, and 4 1/2 in Allied Laboratories. American Cyanamid and Abbott rose more than 3 each. Merck ran up 2 1/2.

Shore shares got a lift with Kroger up more than 3. Johnson & Johnson (Bandages) rose 3/4. Jefferson Lake Sulphur gained 3.

Corn Products was up 3 1/2 in the foods. Dow Chemical ran up more than 2. Bell and Howell rose 4 1/2 in the cameras where Polaroid rose 1 1/2. American Distilling and Schaefer were well up in the liquors.

The steel small gains on the week. Steels lost a bit.

Motors held steady to firm. Office equipment had gains running to 7 points in International Business Machines. Chemicals declined as much as 3 1/2 points in Union Carbide. Zenith ran up 12 1/2 in the Televisions. St Paul gained nearly 2 points in the rails when its directors declared four quarterly dividends in a row on the same basis as last year.

SALES AVERAGE

The market had two days of gain and two of decline. Sales averaged 2,263,176 shares daily, down from last week's 2,401,305. So far in 1958 sales have totalled 123,843,450 shares against 111,227,409 shares in the corresponding period of last year.

A possible spur to the better tone late this past week was another cut in reserve requirements of Federal Reserve member banks. This one, like the cut made less than a month ago, pumped 3 billion of credit into the money market. The total of 6 billion additional credit in a month or two.

However, Wall Street isn't convinced the market is going to hold at current levels and many are predicting a decline early in April. There is a big short interest—highest since 1931.

The short interest total of 4,400,000 shares represents a big bet the market is going down. It also is a potential buying total to the full amount of the shares because if convinced there is a recovery of hand the shorts will cover. But they haven't shown too much nervousness of late.

A factor in favour of the market just now is the decline in volume on declines and a rise on advances. This reflects lack of overhanging liquidation, market men assert.—United Press.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET REVIEW

New York, Mar. 23. The upward movement in cotton futures, under way since late January, gathered a little more momentum this past week. With all new crop months at seasonal highs, the list at Friday's close ruled 26 to 48 points—\$1.30 and \$1.90 a bale—higher than the preceding week. It marked the eighth straight week of higher prices.

Main price-lifting influences continued to be found in: 1. Prospects for a higher government loan rate on the new crop; 2. Backwardness of new crop preparations and seeding over wide sections of the south; 3. Possibilities that the soil bank will cut the acreage to around 12,000,000 acres—the smallest in many years; 4. Vanishing chances for any major legislation which could affect the 1958 crop; 5. Inflationary implications drawn from the government's "easy" money policy.

FOCUS

The world statistical picture also came into sharper focus. The International Cotton Advisory Committee reported world consumption is exceeding production by about 2,500,000 bales, indicating that stocks in the 1957-58 season would decline to their lowest level in five years.

World consumption may be somewhat lower than last season's record of 42,000,000 bales, the Committee said. World consumption now is estimated at 39,400,000 million bales, down 1,700,000 bales from last season. Biggest drop was about 2,000,000 bales in the United States.

At home, statisticians looking over the potential supply picture believed the situation on stocks might mean a boost in the support price to around 85 per cent of parity. They figured, on that basis, the loan for milling one-half would be in the neighbourhood of 39.15 cents a pound. This would be appreciably above the already guaranteed minimum of 34.55 cents a pound. The March (1959) futures contract on Thursday touched a new high of 39.84 cents a pound.

Raw cotton exports for the season through March 18, as reported by the New York Cotton Exchange, totalled 3,788,770 bales compared with 5,059,801 bales shipped in the same period last season.—United Press.

THE BANK RATE IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Mar. 23. The Mainichi newspaper said editorially today that Japan was not ready to follow Britain and America's lead in reducing bank rates.

"In Japan, despite the improvement of the international balance of accounts, the recovery in foreign exchange holdings is only about 100 million from the bottom reached in June last year," the editorial said. "The will to invest stands ready to act at once when supported by a positive financial policy."

"But it is not the time to emulate the American-British example. Patient waiting is needed for some time yet,"—United Press.

TUNGSTEN PROBE

Washington, Mar. 23. The Tariff Commission announced today an inquiry into competition in the US between domestic and imported tungsten ore and concentrates.

The Commission said it will conduct public hearing on the date to be announced. It said it is making the investigation pursuant to a regulation by the Senate Finance Committee.—United Press.

Agreed Merchant Rates
West German Deutschemark:
Maximum Selling 72-3/10.

New Zealand Labour Turnover Costly

Wellington, Mar. 23. The turnover of labour in New Zealand industry is a costly characteristic of inefficiency which can be reduced according to a study made by the personnel group of the New Zealand Institute of Management.

The study of labour turnover by the Institute covered 5,116 male employees, and 338 terminations of employment.

The causes for workers leaving their employment were analysed as:

- "Unavoidable" (retirements, ill-health and other reasons of this nature), 22.2 per cent;
- Workers found to be unsatisfactory, 19.8 per cent;
- Workers dissatisfied, 14.3 per cent;
- Difficulties with supervisor, 3.6 per cent;
- Workers attracted away, 28.7 per cent; and
- Miscellaneous or unknown causes, 10.8 per cent.

DISMISSALS

The report suggested that better selection would minimise the dismissals caused by unsatisfactory work, which accounted for most of the dismissals under the heading "unsatisfactory."

Unsatisfactory work, the report said, was strongly represented in the over-30 group. The persons concerned were mainly in skilled or semi-skilled occupations.

About one-third of the unsatisfactory performance cases were discovered within the first three months of employment, but more than that were not discovered until after they had worked for a year. This, the report said, showed defects in supervision.

UNSATISFACTORY

Unsatisfactory conduct figures showed that the main offenders were in the 30 to 40 years' group, although only a quarter of male employees were in this group. Most of the persons concerned were doing light work.

Disatisfaction with working conditions caused twice as many terminations of employment as dissatisfaction with pay.

Although only 35 per cent of all employees were unmarried, more than 55 per cent of those who left because of dissatisfaction were unmarried.

Discussing married women against single women, the report says that in a survey involving 2,700 women employees, 2,198 were unmarried and 570 married.

In the four months of the survey, 17 per cent of the married women left their jobs, compared with only 9.2 per cent of the single women. "Married women, therefore, emerge as the less stable group," the report said.

HUMAN ELEMENTS

In conclusion, the report sums up: "The economical use of the human elements of production or commerce must be an essential consideration of efficient management."

"This survey has shown that the labour turnover is a costly characteristic of inefficiency which can be reduced... the 'fringe' who constantly change

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

"Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$550,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HANKS	700	795	
INSURANCE			
Union	71	33.25	
Leimick			
SHIPPING			
Whitlocks	6	6.10	
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	129		
DOCK	82.50	83.50	2,800 @ 53
PROVIDENT	12	12.25	500 @ 4
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	13.70	16	200 @ 15.70
			800 @ 15.50

HK Land	31.25	31.50
Humphreys	14.30	
Yankee	1.375	1.425
RUBBER		
Amalg.	1.25	1.275
UTILITIES		
Yankee	22.80	23
Yankee	90	91.50
Yankee	100	99.50
C. Light	17.25	17.50
Electric	20	20.25
		1,100 @ 20.10
		1,100 @ 20.20
		333 @ 20.10
Telephone	23.20	23.40
		2,000 @ 23.10
		1,500 @ 23.20

INDUSTRIALS		
Amor	30	21
STOCKS, ETC.		
Dairy	17	17.25
Watson	10	10.75
Crow	15.10	
COTTONS		
Textile	4.00	

Exchange Rates	
Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:	
U.S. dollar (per \$1)	5.81
Sterling notes (per £1)	16.08
Australian notes (per £1)	12.48
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	11.23
Siam tical (per 100)	28.80
Singapore (Straits)	25.80

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SPUTNIK SELLS SCOTCH

A giant neon coloured illuminated sign, overlooking New York's West Side Highway at 12th Avenue and 57th Street, has been erected for Messrs William Whiteley and Co. Distillers at Leth, Scotland, advertising their Scotch whisky. The first lighting of this 80 ft-long sign was done by an ingenious method, Radio beams emitted by the Russian "Sputnik" satellite were picked up by an ultra-sensitive shortwave receiver at the Radio Corporation of America in Riverhead, N.Y., and then relayed to New York City to trigger an intricate electronic device and illuminate the sign.

The sign displays a huge replica (26ft high) of a bottle of the distiller's whisky, with the caption "Priceless World Traveller" and an illuminated globe of the world containing a great clock, with the words "Round the World" Scotch.

This enterprising piece of advertising created quite a stir in New York.

Piracy In Philippines

Manila, Mar. 23. Rampant Moro (Muslim Filipino) piracy in the south claimed three more fatalities yesterday when a pirate band, wearing army uniforms, attacked a sailboat in the icy-blue waters off Jolo Island.

The copra cargo aboard the sailboat was seized by the pirates who rode Moro bunces fitted out with outboard motors.

The pirates, who used high-powered firearms, were gone long before a Philippine Navy boat arrived on the scene to rescue the survivors. — France-Press.

CONVERSION OF ATOMIC HEAT INTO ELECTRICITY

Cambridge, Mass., Mar. 23.

Two professors at Massachusetts Institute of Technology said today they had invented an engine that converts atomic heat directly into electricity.

Communists Step-up Propaganda

Washington, Mar. 23. Communist bloc countries have nearly quadrupled their international propaganda broadcasts since 1948, United States officials said today.

The greatest increase in 1957, they said, was in the Near East, where Communist broadcasts rose about 55 per cent over 1956, making this area a major propaganda target.

The officials said that at the end of 1957 Communist bloc international broadcasts — including that of the Soviet Union — totalled 2,350 programme hours per week, as compared with 400 hours in 1948. During the same period, China increased its world-wide propaganda broadcasts from 18 hours weekly to 317 hours weekly, placing it second in the USSR.

BREAKDOWNS

Other programme-hour breakdowns for the nine-year period were: The Soviet Union, 900 weekly as compared with 334 in 1948; the European satellites, 800 weekly as compared with 178; Far East orbit, 125 weekly as compared with 11; clandestine radio, 108 weekly as compared with 70.

Overall Communist international propaganda broadcasts in 1957 increased 13 per cent over 1956. This follows a 10 per cent increase in 1956 over 1955, officials said. — United Press.

Professors George N. Hatsopoulos and Joseph Kaye said their thermo-electron engine could be adapted for use in future satellites and missiles. However, they said, "a lot of development work lies ahead."

Kaye said the new device was basically a heat engine that used electrons instead of steam or some other working fluid and promised "significant advantages over conventional systems."

The engine's operation is based on the principle that if two metal plates are placed side by side, one hotter than the other, electrons jump from the hot plate to the cold plate forming a stream of electricity.

No Maintenance

Because it uses no rotating machinery to convert heat to electricity, the engine would require little supervision and no maintenance, the two men said.

Thus far the process has been conducted only inside a large vacuum tube but the inventors have applied for a patent on the device.

"Even on the basis of the current model," Kaye said, "it appears that a relatively efficient power plant can be built to yield from 5,000 to 15,000 watts per cubic foot of total plant volume with a probable thermal efficiency of better than 10 per cent."

Working Model

Hatsopoulos said the engine might be used in satellites "where weight is a primary consideration" or in missiles where their instant operating readiness and lack of mechanical parts would be an advantage.

The present working model was based on a scientific report published by Hatsopoulos in 1956 and which he believes was the first detailed study of such an engine. — United Press.

CHINESE FLEE FROM HAINAN

Saigon, Mar. 24.

Twelve Chinese have fled from Hainan Island in a fishing boat to South Vietnam on their way to Singapore, the news agency Vietnam Press said.

The Chinese left the island, off the South China Coast on March 4 under the pretext of going fishing. They arrived on March 16 at Nha Trang, South Vietnam, on the South China Coast about 200 miles northeast of Saigon.

NEW LIFE

The refugees said they wanted to continue on to Singapore "to start a new and free life," Vietnam Press said.

The News Agency quoted one of them as saying, "A large number of school teachers and students have been executed on the China mainland for trifling reasons."

The Chinese refugees said that famine was widespread on the Communist mainland.

Vietnamese officials gave the Chinese food and supplies. — United Press.

Duke To Keep His Clothes On

London, Mar. 24.

Notices saying "Beware Nudists" will be the only barriers between the public and 1,000 nudists in the Duke of Bedford's Woburn Park this summer.

The Duke is quoted today as saying that if people go into the camp after reading the notices "they will have to be prepared for a surprise."

He has thrown open the grounds of his Bedfordshire stately home to an International Nudist Camp in August.

CLOTHED

The Duke will open the conference in his capacity as host. But, he said, "Everyone will be clothed for the opening ceremony out of deference to me."

"I could hardly turn up in the nude and retain my position as Britain's best-dressed Duke."

"The Tailor and Cutter (a trade authority on sartorial matters) would really criticise me." — Reuter.

'Palace Guard' At The White House

Washington, Mar. 23.

Senator Styles Bridges, (Republican, New Hampshire), said today that a White House "palace guard" at times kept needed information away from President Eisenhower.

But Mr Bridges, the Senior Senator Republican and Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, said the President himself was "bright, keen and alert" during his meetings with Senator Bridges and other Republican congressional leaders.

Senator Bridges was questioned about a White House "palace guard" after serving notice that he would be "in there pitching" against any Eisenhower proposal to place the Armed Forces under one single uniformed chief instead of the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff.

Mr Bridges, a high-ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, appeared on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" — United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I need a lot of practice, Mom—I want to be able to do as good a job as you do when I grow up!"

LADY BLACK VISITS 3 SCHOOLS

Lady Black, wife of HE the Governor, visited three of the Colony's schools this morning. During her tour, she remarked on the brightness and cheerfulness of the pupils at work and at play.

She was accompanied by Mr. L. G. Morgan, the Acting Director of Education.

The first school Lady Black visited was the Ho-lung Technical School for girls in Causeway Bay. Here she saw the girls in their classes learning typing, cookery and handicraft.

Her second objective was St. Jude's Primary School, North Point, a co-educational institution. A young pupil presented Lady Black with a bouquet in the course of her tour here.

Lady Black next visited the Yan Tak Anglo-Chinese School where she saw the chemistry laboratory and well-stocked library. She remarked to the students that they were fortunate to have such a beautiful and new school of which they must be very proud.

CONVICTS ESCAPE

Manila, Mar. 23.

Six convicts escaped from a gaol last weekend in Eastern City, Southern Philippines, and killed a policeman in a running gun-battle with him.

Army troops immediately issued an alarm for all of Mindanao, the Philippines southern region, for the capture of the six, all awaiting trial for murder.

Almost at the same time of this gaol break, three other prisoners escaped from the Constabulary stockade in Zamboanga, Del Sur Province. — France-Press.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

MONDAY, MARCH 24	
By Air	
Pakistan, Europe, 6 p.m.	By Sea
Far East, Japan, 6 p.m.	Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.
Thailand, Cambodia, Burma, India, 9 a.m.	Philippines, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.	Thailand, Cambodia, Burma, India, 9 a.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.	U.S.A., 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 9 a.m.	U.S.A., C. & S. America, 1 a.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 1 a.m.	
Macao, 6 p.m.	

AMAHS LOSE PIGTAILS AT CINEMA

Several young amahs lost their luxuriously grown pigtails in a cinema in Kowloon City last Saturday night.

Long human hair is in good demand in these days of permanent waves.

The amahs of the "old fashioned" type discovered to their horror and to the amusement of the males that their pigtails had been severed. The "crime" had apparently been committed while the crowd was leaving the cinema at the end of a show. The amahs were in tears.

However, their loud lamentations served as a warning to other pigtail owners who flicked their plaited hair to the front at the next performance.

A full length of pigtail can fetch anything from \$20 upwards in the "market".

Exemption Proceedings

Exemption proceedings concerning Nos. 38/40, Russell Street, and their replacement by modern buildings costing \$110,000, opened before Tenancy Tribunal this morning.

The Tribunal composed of Mr. H. B. How, Chairman, Mr. Donald Black and Mr. Henry Sidbury, heard an application brought by Mrs. Siu Cheung-lai, of No. 415 Jaffe Road, who was represented by Mr. K. Y. Yung of Messrs F. Zimmern and Co.

Tenants who had filed opposing applications included those represented by Mr. D. L. Holland-Roberts of Messrs Hastings and Co., Mr. Victor Lam of Messrs Ford, Kwan and Co., and Mr. J. Lynn of Messrs P. L. Lam and Co. A number of tenants were unrepresented and time was allowed for negotiations and discussion.

Mr. Au Young-kai, authorised architect, reported that the present premises were old-type Chinese tenement houses of four-stories, in dilapidated condition and over 30 years old.

He proposed plans of the proposed new structure comprising two shops and 15 tenement flats, which would double the available floor space.

REVOLVER EXHIBITED IN COURT

A revolver, alleged to have been fired during a robbery in Sai Kung, the New Territories, on October 24, last, and 10 rounds of ammunition were exhibited at the Criminal Sessions when an 18-year-old farmer, Lau Yuk-chuen, was arraigned on a charge of robbery with aggravation this morning.

Lau was alleged to have together with others robbed Mr. Lee Yuen-kwong, a woman, Wong Sung-tai of more than \$1,250, a gold ring and a flash light in a stone house in Tai Tan Village, Sai Kung, on October 24, last.

The case is being heard before Mr. Justice A.D. Scholes and a jury of six men and one woman.

Mr. Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, told the jury that about four men raided a stone house in the remote village of Tai Tan at about 7.30 p.m. on October 24. They forced the complainant, Mr. Lee Yuen-kwong, to go upstairs and open a chest. Mr. Lee was then herded back to the compound where he and the rest of his family were squatting.

During the course of robbery, Mr. Mayne said, two shots were fired by a member of the gang.

LOCATED

Evidence would be called that at the time the accused was located by the Police at Kowloon Peak five months later, he was in possession of a rattle basket. Inside the basket were a revolver and 10 rounds of live ammunition.

Mr. F. A. Ewins, Police Ballistics Officer, testified that on October 24 last he accompanied a Police party to a house in Tai Tan Village. In the house he recovered a spent bullet.

In January, he received a revolver from the Police and found it to be very badly rusted inside due to exposure to dampness. As a result, the mechanism was jammed.

Witness said he cleaned off the rust and the gun was once again serviceable.

COMPARISON

He said he fired a bullet from the revolver and, upon comparison of this bullet with the one he had recovered at Tai Tan Village, he came to the conclusion that the bullet found in the village had been fired from the revolver.

Hearing is continuing.

Six Chinese Injured In Accidents

Six Chinese, including three boys, were injured in traffic accidents on Hongkong Island over the weekend. They have all been admitted to Queen Mary Hospital.

A motor cyclist, 26-year-old Chan Wai-choi, of 106, Sal Wan Ho Street, second floor, and a passenger he was carrying, 30-year-old Chan Dow, of 235, Lockhart Road, second floor, were seriously injured when their machine was involved in a collision with a private car in King's Road yesterday.

A 63-year-old woman, Siu Hie, living at 67, Lee Garden Street, third floor, was struck by a tram-car in Hennessy Road, near Percival Street, last night.

Tong Kwong, aged three, was knocked down by a tricycle outside his home at No. 54, Catchick Street, on Saturday.

The two other boys were injured yesterday when their bicycles were involved in collisions with motor vehicles in the Wanchai District.

Three cases of snatching of handbags from women pedestrians were reported to the Police over the weekend.

From the Files

25 years AGO

THE major development in radio in France in recent days concerns the broadcasting tax. In spite of the storm of protests against the intention of the French Government to levy a broadcasting tax, the French Government has persisted in its attitude and has now submitted the tax bill to the National Assembly for approval. The bill provides for a levy of an annual contribution of 15 francs for a crystal set and 60 francs for a valve set. The French nation is wondering what kind of a reception will be accorded to this proposal and whether the somewhat over-confident prediction of a French paper some time ago, to the effect that none of the deputies would vote in favour of the bill, will be fulfilled.

A model of an aeroplane designed by Mr. Yachi Mori, a Japanese artist, has proved unsinkable, undestroyable and unimmovable in a series of experiments at the 7th Infantry Regiment Headquarters at Kanazawa. Aviation experts are to build other models and test them.

RADIO listeners throughout the Empire will, for the first time, have an opportunity of hearing two great annual sporting broadcasts—the Grand National at Aintree on March 24 and the Oxford and Cambridge boat race on April 1. In former years, both these events were relayed by G5SW but, owing to various reasons, were not well received. This year the Blatterphone will record both commentaries which will be released at suitable times in all Empire programmes.

America is responsible for the design of one of the most speedier train ferries in the world which, plying between New Orleans and Havana, is not only able to stow away 100 goods vans on its four decks, but is also able to put to sea with its unswiftable cargo. It has over a mile of steel rails on its decks and weighs 4,927 tons net alone.

IS the motorist dangerous, or the pedestrian careless? This question will occupy the attention of YMCA debaters this evening (March 16), when they will debate the motion: "That the pedestrian is being denied the right to live." Chief speakers will be the Rev. E. L. Allen and Mr. J. R. Luke for the motion and Mr. A. R. Brown and Mr. S. A. Gray for the opposite. Speakers and friends are cordially invited.

Lieut-Col J. Sandeman Allen, M.C., for Gibraltar, has signed on as a purser in the Liverpool steamer Maria de Larrinaga, bound for Argentina. He recently had an operation for appendicitis and is making the trip to recuperate. The vessel carries no passengers.

A BIGALL writes in the Woman's World — Sunkist oranges, best quality, are priced at 14 cents per lb. Blue Goose variety at 12 cents. Small Cantonese tangerines are 7 cents per lb. American pears and Arizona grapefruits sell at 45 cents and 28 cents per lb. respectively. Large green American apples cost 28 cents a lb. being slightly dearer than the red variety at 26 cents. Various other fruits are on display, including papayas, grapes and lemons.

London—300 aeroplanes and 452 aero engines and other aeroplane parts of British manufacture, to the total value of nearly £1,750,000 were exported from the United Kingdom during 1957.

GREATER Tokyo has a population of 4,070,639, according to an announcement made by the Bureau of Statistics which based its figures on the census which was taken in 1950. This shows an increase of 671,009 or 21 per cent over 1950. The foreign colony numbers 9,861 of whom 7,338 are Chinese. There are also 35,320 Koreans. The males of the population number 2,634,532, while the females number 2,236,507.

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